



17th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

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July 25, 2021

St. Mary's Catholic Church—Hamburg, IA.

“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts,” we hear from time to time, meaning that a collection of things put together can be greater than what would be expected when each is alone. Today we hear two accounts of times when a seemingly inadequate number of loaves of bread provided plenty for a huge crowd to eat. We hope to exemplify the same saying when we join together as Church. Separately, we may feel inadequate to carry on the mission of Jesus. But together we form the body of Christ, capable of building the kingdom of God here on earth. Joining together today to be nourished in the Eucharist, let us dream of how together we can change the world.

PASTORAL MUSINGS

From the desk of Fr. Tom

Dear Friends,

Although the local allergies kept me awake for a few days, the local honey helped me feel better and return to normal. Thanks to the parishioners who brought plenty of honey and soup to help me recover. No wonder the Psalmist (145) declares, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.” I am already experiencing the kindness and compassion of many here. It makes me feel all the more at home.

I am also delighted to sign the proxy for the religious education and parish center building project in Hamburg last week with the blessing and approval of the diocese. The revised cost is \$1,000,000. This mission is a daunting task. The construction costs are skyrocketing post-pandemic, and I pray that help from all sides comes generously to accomplish the project for the parish region assuring continued catholic presence. I recognize that this is the fruit of the labor of love for many years, and I am glad that it’s finally moving forward.

I was also delighted to see the bible study group emerging, and more small groups of sharing and reflection in the church are indeed the way of the future. I received nice personal notes from our confirmation students, and some of them helped cultivate the garden around the church, and it’s the first step towards growing the garden of life.

Paul (Eph 4:1-6) continues to urge us: “to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received with all humility and gentleness, with patience bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the bond of unity of the spirit through the bond of peace; one body and one spirit, one hope, one Lord and one Faith.”

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As I mentioned last week during the homily, the three divides that pull us away are self and nature leading to ecological crises, self and the other leading to sociological crises, and our little self and higher self-leading to spiritual crises. May our journey together be blessed by the Lord destroying all the dividing walls in our life moving towards wholeness of life.

I am Looking forward to getting to know you and your families more personally to help each other in our mission together as dynamic disciples.

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Tom



Bible Study Group at the Jamisons



Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B
Sunday, July 25, 2021

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:10-11,15-16,17-18

The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Through most of Lectionary Cycle B, our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of Mark. Over the past two Sundays, we heard how Jesus sent his disciples to share in his mission. If we were to continue reading Mark's Gospel, we would next hear his report of how Jesus feeds the crowds in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Our Lectionary, however, leaves Mark's Gospel for the next several weeks and instead presents this event from the Gospel of John. In John's Gospel, Jesus' multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is presented as a sign of his authority and divinity. Jesus interprets the meaning and significance of this miracle as a sharing of his Body and Blood. This chapter is sometimes called the "Bread of Life Discourse."

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist.

Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: “to give thanks.” In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

Card request for

Fr. Michael McLaughlin
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Cumming, IA. 50061

Fr. Mike, as we know him was with us from 93'-96' here at St. Mary's. As he is dealing with some health issues at this time, we ask that you might send a card of get well or encouragement.

BIBLE STUDY

We will meet for our weekly bible study on Wednesday, July 28 at the city park in Hamburg, if there is inclement weather, we will have the church close by:).
Please join us at 7 p.m.

Thanks to John Travis and Henry and Helen Martin who helped with several things here at the church last week!
Thanks again!!

Daily readings for the week of 7-25-21

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

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

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/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 [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES
JOSH SIMMONS
JACOB ANDERSON
DERRICK HUBARD
STEVEN ANDERSON
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Your Contributions *July 18, 2021*

Tithes—\$850.00
Plate—\$63.00
Coffee—\$33.50

Thank You!!

Don't tell God
how big your
storm is.
*Tell the storm
how big your
God is."*
Author Unknown



7-17—Kim Travis
7-25—Cale Phillips
7-29—Bill Green
7-29—Maelynn Moody
8-5----Robbie Travis
8-6—-Audrey Goodman



7-3—Dave & Kate Roberts
7-12—Tim & Donna Whelan
7-18—Randy & Wendy
Duncan



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht
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Mary Lou Miller
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Drake Travis
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Bill & Gloria Green
Larry Dalton
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Cathy Mason
Anna Weber
Alan Briggs
Dee Ann Crews
Robert Haughton
Maurie Maher
Janet Rummel
Jennifer McAllister
Dave Zavadil

2021	July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	August 15 Assumption of the Blessed virgin Mary 8:30	August 22 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30
Lector	Joe Travis	Teresa Jamison	Dave Dowling	Scott Mayberry	Linda Dewhirst
Mass Setup	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie
Cantor	Kate	Kate/ Margaret	Beth	Kim & sons	Kate/ Margaret
Accompanist	Nancy	Kate	Donna	Donna	Nancy
Server	Brady Hutt	Evan Laumann	JJ Hirner	Tate Mount	Isaac Hutt
Usher and Greeter	Tim & Donna Whelan	Joe & Robbi Travis	Jim & Cheryl Owen	Marty & Carolyn Maher	Denny & Joella Travis
Coffee & donuts	Dave & Kim Dowling	Vince & Susan Hilton	N/A	Dave & Kate Roberts	Jeff & Lisa Phillips
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*Please notice that we are scheduling duties again—if you are **NOT** able to be there on the date that you are scheduled for, **PLEASE** find a replacement or switch weeks with someone.*

We appreciate and need your help at our masses!

