

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 2021

*Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life.
— John 6:27a*

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today’s Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, “When did you get here,” to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a “sign,” an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the “works of God” has Jesus respond that faith is the “work” that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John’s answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a “sign” that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the “bread of life” that “comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The people of Israel receive bread from heaven in response to their grumbling (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).
Psalm — The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).
Second Reading — Put on the new self that has been created in God’s way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).
Gospel — I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger (John 6:24-35).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week’s Collection	\$3,912.00	\$3,344.00
Number of Families contributing	77	66
Total Pledge for 2021	\$161,051.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (26 Weeks)	\$93,137.00	\$94,778.00
Received to Date	\$80,948.00	\$62,999.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$12,948.00	\$31,779.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$125.00	\$5,701.00

Thirteen ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2021
\$60.00	\$87,805.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$63,780.00

POOR BOX totaled \$50.00.

5 **CHILDREN** contributed \$50.00.

BAA totaled \$20.00.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

One day Death encountered a man and told him, “Today’s your last day.” The man replied, “But I am not ready!” Death said, “Your name is at the top of my to-do list for today.” The man said, “Alright, then.” Before you take me along, let’s sit together and have one last cup of coffee.” Death said, “Of course.”

The man offered a cup of coffee to Death. The coffee was laced with some sleeping pills. Death drank the coffee and was soon fast asleep. The man took Death’s to-do list, wiped his name from the top and placed it at the bottom of the page.

When Death woke up, it said: “You’ve treated me so kindly and full of love today, I would like to reciprocate you by starting today’s work from the names at the bottom of my list.

*Sometimes things are written in our fate.
No matter how hard we may try to change them,
they never change.*

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. A Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING TO BREAK?

Surprisingly the answer is: **HABIT!**

If you bread the “H.” You still have “**A BIT.**”

If you break the “A.” you still have “**BIT.**”

If you break the “B.” You still have “**IT.**”

If you break the “I” in it There is still the “**I.**”

AND THAT “I” IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF ALL PROBLEMS

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend will be for **Disaster Assistance**. Please be generous.

THANK YOU

to a member for a donation to the Holy Family, St. Theresa, St. Expedite, St. Monica, Mary Un-doer of Knots, Blessed Imelda in that’s for favors received; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

INTERESTING CHURCH BULLITEN BOARDS

1. Speak well of your enemies. After all you made them.
2. We are the Soul agents in this area.
3. Can’t sleep? Don’t count sheep. Talk to the shepherd.
4. Without the bread of life, you are toast.

PATIENCE

PATIENCE with others is **LOVE.**

PATIENCE with self is **HOPE.**

PATIENCE with God is **FAITH.**

JUST REMOVE YOUR WORRIES

A man asked an artist, “How do you make such beautiful things from a stone?” He replied, “Beauty is already hidden there. I just remove the extra stone.”

**YOUR HAPPINESS IS HIDDEN WITHIN YOURSELF.
JUST REMOVE YOUR WORRIES.**

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

Sometimes in life our BLESSINGS come early.

Sometimes they come later.

But they always come and they are always ON TIME.

Keep PRAYING, have FAITH.

ASK, BELIEVE and WAIT

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

JOKE OF THE WEEK

There was an earthquake recently which frightened inhabitants of a certain town. One couple sent their little boy to stay with an uncle in another district, explaining the reason for the nephew's sudden visit.

A day later the parent's received this telegram, "I am returning your boy. Send the earthquake."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli;
St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Wednesday:** St. John Vianney
- Thursday:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Friday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord;
Hiroshima Memorial Day; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Sixtus II and Companions;
St. Cajetan; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Barbara Jean O'Hara on the Anniversary of her death; for the repose of the soul of Johnny Weaver Carroll; and for the repose of the soul of Pete Jason Carroll on his Birthday.
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pat Raid Riley on his Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus for the sick and holy souls; and for the repose of the soul of Eddie Carroll on his Birthday.
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Petie Cat Gorman on his Birthday.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Big Apple on the 5th Anniversary of his death.

LIFTED WINGS

*Sometimes we grow despondent,
And put our faith in worldly things.
But God gives us the victory,
And helps us fly with lifted wings.*

*He shows us we can triumph,
O'er sickness and o'er sin.
And implants within our spirit,
The confidence to win.*

*Sometimes our life grows anxious,
With constant dread and fear.
"Have strength." He whispers softly,
"I am always near."*

*He breathes new hope in our spirit,
If we to Him will only cling.
And He'll lift us high above the clouds,
To soar on lifted wings.*

READERS

Sat., July 31st, 4:00 P.M.

Natalie & Mary Martha

Sun. Aug. 1st, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

Sat., Aug. 7th, 4:00 P.M.

Christina & Julie Ann

Sun. Aug. 8th, 10:00 A.M.

Jimmy Joseph & Monroe

READERS - WEEKDAYS

Monday	-	Reed
Tuesday	-	Joy
Wednesday	-	Natalie
Thursday	-	Bryce
Friday	-	Tanel

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday	-	Cathy Pole
Tuesday	-	Nora
Wednesday	-	Catherine Ann
Thursday	-	Rita Weaver
Friday	-	Joy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKEND

Saturday 4:00 P.M.

Front
Right
Left

July 31st

Winnie Ann
Cathy Pole
Catherine Ann

August 1st

Rose Marie
Mary Cat

August 8th

Rose Marie
Mary Cat

ALPHABETIC ADVICE

A B C	A void B oring C ompany.
D E F	D on't E ntertain F ools.
G H I	G o for H igh I deas.
J K L M	J ust K eeep a friend L ike M e.
N O P	N ever O verlook the P oor suffering.
Q R S	Q uit R eaching for S illy tales.
T U V	T une U rself for ur V ictory.
W X Y Z	W e X pect Y ou to Z oom ahead in life.

THREE BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS

- ❖ None can destroy iron, but its own rust can. Likewise, none can destroy a person, but his own mindset and emotions can.
- ❖ Ups and downs in life are very important it keep us going, because a straight line even in an E.K.G. means we are not alive.
- ❖ The same boiling water that hardens an egg, will soften the potato. It depends upon individual's reaction to stressful circumstances.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER FOR THE HELPLESS UNBORN

Heavenly Father, You create men in Your own image, and You desire that not even the least among us should perish. In Your love for us, You entrusted Your only Son to the holy Virgin Mary. Now, in Your love, protect against the wickedness of the devil, those little ones to whom You have given the gift of life. Amen.