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**SPIRITUAL HUNGER**

If you have ever tried feeding a toddler who doesn't know what they want to eat you know how difficult it is to satisfy an unidentified desire. Though they are offered numerous and diverse lunch choices they push them away with dissatisfaction. Usually the issue is not one of hunger for food but of a general attitude of dissatisfaction and hunger of spirit.

The crowds who followed Jesus evidenced a similar hunger of spirit. Like a child's question, "Mom, what is there to eat?" those who followed Jesus were also asking legitimate questions due to their spiritual hunger. But in a similar way to a child's boredom and rejection of the choices, these seekers of Jesus rejected and were unwilling to receive the Bread of Life which the Father put before them to satisfy their hunger. Though in this week's Gospel reading they responded, "Lord give us this bread always," by the end of the day they abandoned Jesus and the Bread of Life which the Father sent from heaven.

Dissatisfaction of spirit is often manifest in many different ways. Some people have an uneasy restlessness that seeks satisfaction for spiritual hunger in the pursuit of one thing after another. This spiritual hunger often drives people to pursue the latest toy, the latest philosophy, or the latest experience. Like a universal remote control, they are haphazardly flipping through the options of life but never able to settle on anything that fully satisfies their inner hunger. We would do well to heed Jesus' advice to them to re-evaluate their lives and to not continue to expend their energies on things which do not satisfy.

Even as we cannot live without food, so the spirit of man cannot survive and thrive without the spiritual nourishment which is Jesus himself. In the subsequent three weeks, the Gospel readings will explore John 6 and Jesus' discourse on the Bread of Life. We will read of the promise that by partaking of him we will receive real life. St. Thomas à Kempis said, "This most high and venerable Sacrament is the health of soul and body, the cure of every spiritual malady. By it, our vices are cured, our passions restrained, temptations are lessened, grace is given in fuller measure, and virtue once established is fostered; faith is confirmed, hope is strengthened, and love kindled and deepened." Jesus is the source of life and when he comes to us in the Eucharist he comes to make a difference in us.

One difference we can expect to see in our life is that our hunger of spirit will be satisfied. However, we would be remiss if we over-looked the corresponding truth of this week's second reading. Jesus fully intends to reveal himself to us through Sacred Scripture also. It is through the Scriptures that he brings about renewal of our mind, and enables us to know him; his values, his character, his nature, his truths in an intimate way, and so "learn Christ." It is this relationship of knowing him that removes the hunger of spirit.

In the coming weeks we will also hear afresh the invitation to believe and to receive him into our heart and life through the sacred Scriptures and in the Eucharist. We are invited to receive his Body and Blood as confirmation of our faith and commitment to follow him. St. Thomas à Kempis went on to say, "Blessed is the man who, whenever he celebrates the Eucharist or receives Communion, offers himself to Our Lord as a living sacrifice."

In the coming weeks we will learn both the right and the wrong way to respond to Jesus and the truth that he is the Bread of Life sent from the Father. How, in the future, will we respond to this invitation? May God help us to do so with an active faith which enables us to continually offer ourselves to him as a living sacrifice.

Emmaus Journey Reflections

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Most Reverend Gerard P. Bergie, D.D.

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Sunday Masses  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses  
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri @ 9:00 a.m.  
Wed @ 6:30 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Sunday of the Month  
Reconciliation/Confessions  
Sat 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. or on request

Baptism  
Catechesis and appointment necessary

Marriage  
Contact the parish office

Sacrament of the Sick  
Please call the office

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**Ministry Schedule - August 11/12**

**Hospitality Ministers**

5:00 pm - Needed  
10:00 am - Andy & Pat Wirth

**Altar Servers**

5:00 pm - Needed  
10:00 am - Needed

**Children's Liturgy**

No Children's Liturgy until Sept 9th

**Next Hospitality Sunday**

September 3rd

**August 5, 2018**

**The 18th  
Sunday in  
Ordinary  
Time**

**Lectors**

5:00 pm #1 - Needed  
#2 - Needed  
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger  
#2 - Caroline Steger

**Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 pm - Needed  
10:00 am - Mike, Mary & Theresa

**Stewardship Counting**

Beth Davis & Antonella Presta

# August 5, 2018

## The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



*Lord, may the request of your people  
rise before you like a fragrant offering*

|           |        |   |                          |
|-----------|--------|---|--------------------------|
| Monday    | Aug 6  | <b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b><br>9:00 am For the special intentions of Joan & Bob Hignett & family                             | by the Chorley family    |
| Tuesday   | Aug 7  | 9:00 am For a Mass of Thanksgiving  | by Koshy Alex            |
| Wednesday | Aug 8  | ****NO MASS TODAY****   |                          |
| Thursday  | Aug 9  | 9:00 am +In memory of Joseph Olascki, Charles Parker, Olga Mous & Winne Stadelbauer   | by St. Martin's Parish   |
| Friday    | Aug 10 | <b>St. Lawrence</b><br>9:00 am +For the repose of Fr. Obioma Anyanwu  | by Vern & Josie Dell     |
| Saturday  | Aug 11 | <b>The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family                             |                          |
| Sunday    | Aug 12 | 10:00 am +For the repose of the souls of Johan & Anna Mulder  | by John & Riky Mulder    |
| Monday    | Aug 13 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Margaret Flaherty  | by Maureen Flaherty      |
| Tuesday   | Aug 14 | <b>St. Maximilian Kolbe</b><br>9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of departed loved ones  | by Norrie Franko         |
| Wednesday | Aug 15 | ****NO MASS TODAY****   |                          |
| Thursday  | Aug 16 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Gemma Gillen   | by the Newman family     |
| Friday    | Aug 17 | 9:00 am +For the repose of the souls of John & Regina Newman  | by the Newman family     |
| Saturday  | Aug 18 | <b>The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>5:00 pm For the special intentions of the Melo family  | by Mr & Mrs Melo         |
| Sunday    | Aug 19 | 10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family   |                          |
| Monday    | Aug 20 | <b>St. Bernard</b><br>9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Joan Horne   | by Marg & Dick Van Geest |
| Tuesday   | Aug 21 | <b>St. Pius X</b><br>9:00 am For the special intentions of Joan & Bob Hignett   | by Doug & Maeve Devlin   |
| Wednesday | Aug 22 | ****NO MASS TODAY****   |                          |
| Thursday  | Aug 23 | 9:00 am For God's blessings upon Roberta Grosso & Vincenzo Callazzo   | by Josie & Vern Dell     |
| Friday    | Aug 24 | <b>St. Bartholomew</b><br>9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Luke Scheck  | by the Lupien family     |
| Saturday  | Aug 25 | <b>The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>5:00 pm For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family                             |                          |
| Sunday    | Aug 26 | 10:00 am For the living and deceased members of the Klunder family  | by John & Riky Mulder    |
| Monday    | Aug 27 | <b>St. Monica</b><br>9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Jose Martins  | by Maria Martins         |
| Tuesday   | Aug 28 | <b>St. Augustine</b><br>9:00 am +For the repose of the soul of Ken Lewis  | by Pauline Lewis         |
| Wednesday | Aug 29 | ****NO MASS TODAY****   |                          |
| Thursday  | Aug 30 | 9:00 am For the special intentions of Joan & Bob Hignett  | by Heather Belmont       |
| Friday    | Aug 31 | 9:00 am A Mass of thanksgiving of Fr. Christopher's Priesthood  | by Mary Lang             |
| Saturday  | Sept 1 | <b>The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br>5:00 pm +For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Corderio & Melo families | by Mr & Mrs Melo         |
| Sunday    | Sept 2 | 10:00 am For the special intentions of St. Martin's Parish family   |                          |

### Ministry Schedule - August 18/19

#### Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Dosseh & Claudette Sassou-Messan  
10:00 am - George Yakowenko

#### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mary Pikula #2 - Kelly Staples  
10:00 am #1 - Tom Richardson #2 - Gemma Bosa

#### Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Needed  
10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Vern

#### Stewardship Counting

Adam Grzybek & Lisa Poort

### Ministry Schedule - August 25/26

#### Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Janet & Ron Roscovich  
10:00 am - Helen & Andy Lipiec

#### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Mitch Pogoda #2 - Needed  
10:00 am #1 - Heather Tomascin #2 - Caroline Steger

#### Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Needed  
10:00 am - Andrew, Paula & Bianca

#### Stewardship Counting

Elaine Parry & Jennifer Fife

### Ministry Schedule - Sept 1/2

#### Hospitality Ministers

5:00 pm - Tom Shields  
10:00 am - Anita Duggan & Joan Hignett

#### Lectors

5:00 pm #1 - Sue Armstrong #2 - Mary Pikula  
10:00 am #1 - Andrew Steger #2 - Caroline Steger

#### Extra-ordinary Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm - Yolanda  
10:00 am - Helen, Andy & Dick

#### Stewardship Counting

Cheryl Dell & Sandy Johnson

### SVBS 2018 SUMMARY

Summer Vacation Bible Study was a great success. This year we had 44 participants. We give thanks to the many Volunteers that made this past week possible for our Young People. Thank you also to the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus who helped defray parish costs with this wonderful programme of evangelization. Thank You!

### UPCOMING BAPTISMS

Avery Elizabeth Takacs - August 5  
Savannah Skarzinskas - Aug 12  
Lucas Richard Hewage - August 25  
Ayden Leitao - September 8

Welcome to our community.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### **JUNE 30/JULY 1, 2018**

**Sunday Offering (63 Env):** \$1,660.00  
**Loose:** \$ 181.50  
**Facility Maintenance (40 Env):** \$ 550.00  
**Loose:** \$ 101.05

#### **JULY 7/8, 2018**

**Sunday Offering (59 Env):** \$1,605.00  
**Loose:** \$ 136.70  
**Late Facility Maintenance (4 Env):** \$ 60.00  
**Hall Rental - Funeral:** \$ 150.00

#### **JULY 14/15, 2018**

**Sunday Offering (55 Env):** \$1,234.00  
**Loose:** \$ 62.75

#### **JULY 21/22, 2018**

**Sunday Offering (60 Env):** \$1,290.00  
**Loose:** \$ 231.75  
**Donation from Cemetery Board:** \$ 160.00

#### **JULY 28/29, 2018**

**Sunday Offering (75 Env):** \$2,444.00  
**Loose:** \$ 149.00

#### **Weekly Stewardship Budget**

**\$2,375.00**

#### **Parish Debt**

**\$28,139.83**

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### **SUMMER PARISH MISSION APPEAL**

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