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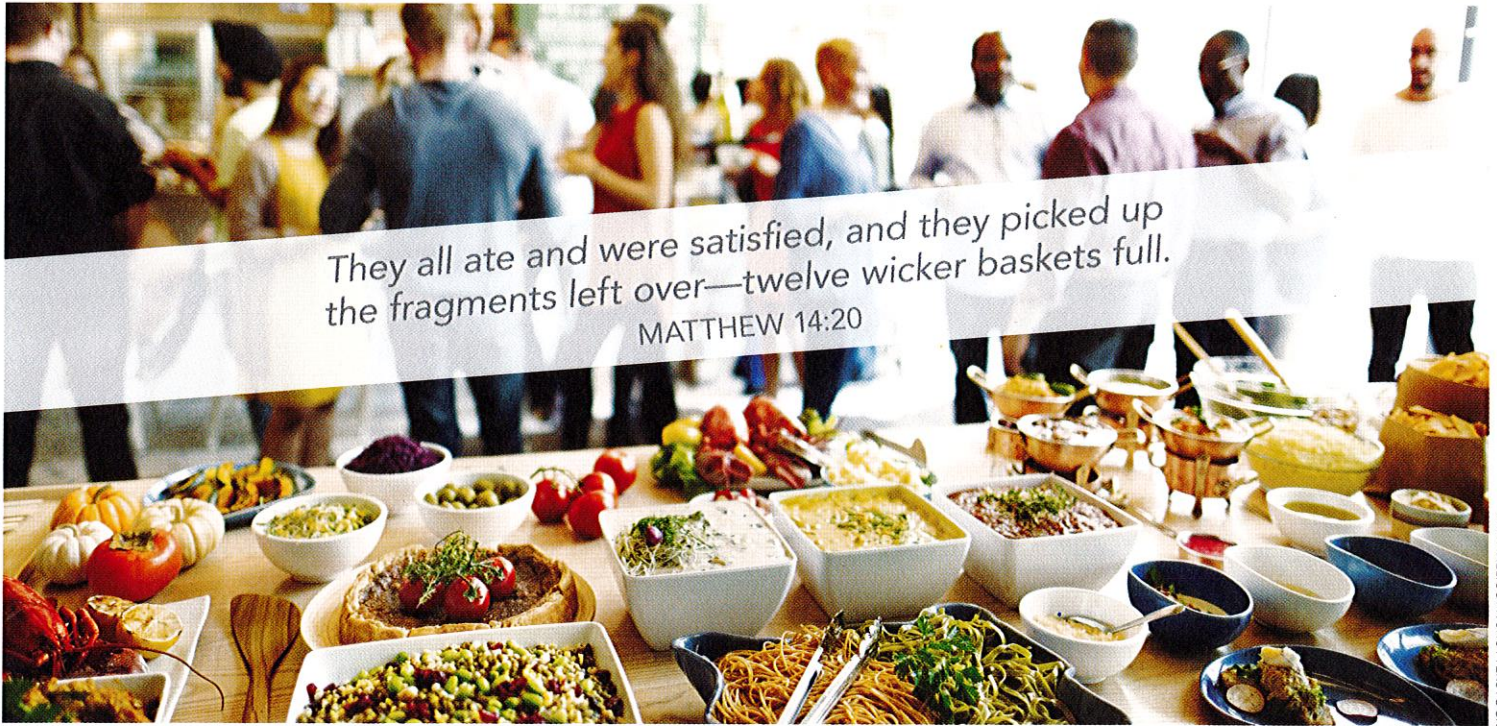
August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21



They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.
MATTHEW 14:20

A Free Meal, but with Demands

When God invites you to a meal, you never have to pay. It might be free, but it does have its demands. In fact, you are expected to open yourself to a total transformation. In the first reading, Isaiah mentions the renewal of an everlasting covenant. Perhaps a small dinner fee might be easier to handle.

This reading is quite tender. The needy are invited to a meal of grain, wine, and milk. Their neediness might explain why the meal is free. The invitation is magnanimous: “Come to me...that you may have life” (Isaiah 55:3). The Gospel story of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves reveals the same magnanimity. Jesus feeds all those who have followed him, no questions asked. This story follows a long tradition of miraculous feedings, which include the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Elisha multiplying bread (2 Kings 4:42-44). It’s natural to wonder just how that bread and those fish were able to satisfy so many, but there is another aspect of the story that should not be overlooked. The words, “He said the blessing, broke

the loaves, and gave them to the disciples” (Matthew 14:19) will appear again in the account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26). Though this was the ritual performed at the daily Jewish meal, the eucharistic allusion is unmistakable.

Perhaps it is the psalm response that throws light on the primary focus of the readings. There the graciousness and kindness of the Lord are acclaimed: “You open wide your hand / and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Think of the good things in your life that have been given to you free of charge. How grateful are you?
- ★ Think of the times God has used you to bless others. How grateful are you for this?

Dear Padre,

Recently a visiting priest went completely off script during the eucharistic prayer at Mass. Is this allowed?

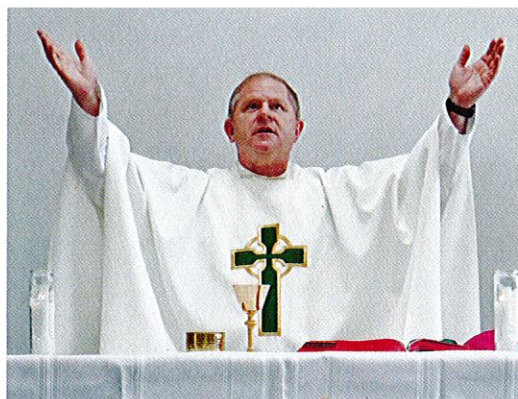
The eucharistic prayer is the summit of the entire Mass, culminating in what it means for the Church to celebrate the Eucharist. *The Roman Missal* offers ten options in English: Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, 3, and 4; two for reconciliation; and four for various needs. Also, an additional three are available for Masses with children. Not all of these options appear regularly in missalettes.

In exercising his office of celebrant, the priest is allowed to offer brief explanations, such as before the preface to the eucharistic prayer, but never during the prayer itself (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 31).

In general, “the Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass” (*GIRM* 24). The mystery of the Mass “is too great for anyone to permit himself to treat it according to his own whim, so that its sacredness and its universal ordering would be obscured” (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 11).

Overall, presiders desire a meaningful ritual experience for those hungering and thirsting for holiness to encounter the living presence of Christ. If some actions and proclamations by presiders appear misguided, they’re seldom due to a lack of genuine pastoral care.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Obedient to Jesus' commands, the Church organized the eucharistic liturgy into moments which correspond to the words and the actions performed by him on the eve of his passion....In the eucharistic prayer, we give thanks to God for the whole work of redemption, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday

AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

AUGUST 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday

AUGUST 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

AUGUST 8
St. Dominic,
Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

AUGUST 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33



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Parish Council Members: Beth Cobb- President; Michael Auchly-Vice-President; Secretary-Open, Julie Beck, Dennis Benney, Janet Cobb, Laura Yelton

August 2, 2020 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 3rd **No Mass**
 Tuesday, August 4th No Mass - Wellsville
 Wednesday, August 5th No Mass - Jonesburg
 Thursday, August 6th **No Mass** - Montgomery City
 Friday, August 7th No Mass - Martinsburg
 Saturday, August 8th **5:00 PM Mass** - Montgomery City +Leo Ritter
 Sunday, August 9th 7:00 AM Mass - Jonesburg
 9:00 AM Mass - Martinsburg
11:00 AM Mass - Montgomery City - Our Parish Family



July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Church/School Financial Report:

	Income	Expenses	Difference
June 2020	\$54,786.90	\$109,322.34	(\$54,535.44)
Fiscal Year July - June 19-20	\$620,379.80	\$619,757.70	\$622.10
Needed Weekly	\$ Budget not finalized.		
July 5 -	\$ 12,673.22		
July 12 -	\$ 7,664.16		
July 19 -	\$ 5,068.00		
July 26 -	\$ 4,701.55		

Last Week's Envelopes: 47 of 179

(No Mass if there is a funeral or school has been cancelled.)

With God all things are possible

Parish Membership: Call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:30 to 4:50 PM Saturday or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated during Mass or at another arranged time. Call the parish office to set up an appointment to meet with Fr. Austin.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the office at least six months prior to the date you would like to get married to make arrangements and set a date.

To Become a Catholic: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in the Fall and sacramental initiation normally occurs at the Easter Vigil. Call for details.

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

To proclaim the good news of the Gospel; to build community among the parishioners that we may journey in our faith together, giving witness to love and unity; to serve the needs of others in whatever form they may exit in our midst and to celebrate the realities of our faith together.

Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Registered in the parish
- Regularly participates in Mass and the sacraments
- Supports the parish financially
- Annually completes a stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure form and fulfills that commitment

Liturgical Ministers for August 8th and August 9th

Ministries	Saturday, 5:00 PM	Sunday, 11:00 AM
Lector	<u>No ministries will be assigned at this time.</u>	
Children's Liturgy		
Communion Ministers		
Ministers of Hospitality		
Servers		
Gift Bearers		
Money Counters		

Bishop McKnight's August prayer intention for our Local Church is:

For our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

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Father Austin's Weekly Calendar

Monday, August 3rd	<i>Father will be off from Monday, August 3rd - Friday, August 7th.</i>
Tuesday, August 4th	
Wednesday, August 5th	
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Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to the following couple(s) as they celebrate their special day!

Mitchell & Rae Jean Rhoads - 40 years of marriage on August 1st.

Robert & Jolene Davis - 40 years of marriage on August 2nd.

George & Priscilla Banfield - 47 Years of marriage on August 3rd.

Additional Financial Information

SBA (Small Business Administration - Covid-19)	\$ 0.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 270.00
Capital Campaign (Cornerstone)	\$ 1,125.00
Special Collections:	
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 50.00
Assumption	\$ 25.00
Catholic Missourian	\$ 14.00
Diocesan Missions	\$ 51.00

Support for Medicaid Expansion

The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC), in an effort to uphold the dignity of the human person in accord with Catholic social teaching, supports Amendment 2, a ballot initiative which would expand Missouri's Medicaid program to provide health insurance coverage to low-income Missouri citizens currently living without it. **Missourians will vote on Medicaid expansion on Aug. 4.** Please find on the MCC web-site resources you can provide to parishioners, including a statement by the Missouri bishops.



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REVISED Protocol for positive COVID-19 test

As the number of cases of COVID-19 continue to rise, we have established a protocol for how our parishes and schools respond when someone is tested positive for COVID-19. **REVISED** see protocols below: **note that not just staff, but also students and volunteers are affected by these.**

We have already worked with more than a half dozen situations in our parishes and schools in which someone has received a positive test, and have found these protocols to ensure we are acting quickly and responsibly. If you have any questions or concerns about them, please contact Father Jason Doke, moderator of the curia, Dr. Erin Vader, superintendent, or Helen Osman, communication director, by email or at 573-635-9127.

Protocols for Positive COVID-19 Test Results

Anyone visiting a current COVID-19 hot spot or traveling internationally will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days before being allowed back on parish/school property. This includes students or anyone who is on parish/school property on a regular basis. This may require staff to utilize sick days, vacation days, or short-term leave. Please use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) map of hot spots to help your staff determine if their travel takes them to a current hot spot. States at the highest levels of current cases qualify as a hot spot. <https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/index.html#cases>

Capital Campaign Committee Update



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Our current balance in donations and pledges is \$194,316. Thanks to everyone for their prayerful consideration in moving forward with our Capital Campaign.

Immaculate Conception School News



School starts on August 19, 2020.

ECLC Happenings

Nothing new to report at this time.



IC Scrip Program - IC Scrip Program - Whenever you purchase a gift card from the IC School Scrip Program, the school receives a percentage of the purchase price. The percentage will vary from one company to another. There are a few ways to obtain the cards. **You may go on line to www.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment code: 676419AC74L7, purchase them at the school office or after Masses on the first full weekend of the month. If you have any questions, you may call Gina Smith, coordinator, 573-289-8635.**



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Singing during Mass in a Pandemic

There is legitimate concern on the part of many of the faithful throughout the diocese regarding singing in church during Mass, especially given the recent rise in the number of COVID-19 cases in several counties.

Understanding that there are differences from county to county in terms of health needs, and differences in resources and church building structures from parish to parish, the decision regarding singing at Mass is at the discretion of the pastor and his council, however, the following are some suggestions of possible best practices for pastors and their council to consider:

- **No singing at all, and having only instrumentals (Our Parish has chosen this option.)**
- Singing by cantor only (not completely enforceable, but with the encouragement of the assembly to sing in their hearts)
- Singing by choir with social distancing among themselves and sufficient distance from the choir to the congregation
- Barriers between the cantor/choir and the assembly
- Allowing assembly singing, but requiring all to wear masks throughout the entire service
- Continuing current practices and safeguards

If there are questions or concerns regarding these suggestions, please contact Father Dan Merz, chair of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Anyone who is a teacher, volunteer or work around children is required to take VIRTUS training. To register for this class go to Virtus Online. Click on *First Time Registrant*. View the list of sessions by selecting Jefferson City in the drop down box. You will be prompted to sign a Code of Conduct, also. This class will not be offered at the school this year. You will need to take it on line. Once you complete the class, make sure to let the school office know.

Events Around the Community (See Flyers if available in the church vestibule.)

No events have been scheduled at this time.

Employment Opportunities

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia is accepting applications for the position of Director of Adult Faith Formation. Commitment to the Catholic faith and faithful Mass attendance required. Some experience in religious education leadership preferred. Strong interpersonal skills, organizational skills, and willingness to work as a member of a team important. The core of the position is directing the RCIA process, with the coordination of Scripture studies, faith sharing and other small groups, and other aspects of adult faith formation included. Contact Father Chris Cordes at frchris@ourladyoflourdes.org or 573-445-7915 if interested.

Mentored in Christ

Mentored in Christ, a full-day workshop for anyone serving a catechetical role in parish or Catholic school ministry, will be offered Aug. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral Undercroft in Jefferson City. Light breakfast and full lunch are provided and there is no cost to participate.

This workshop will examine the power of mentored formation in catechetical ministry. Participants will explore the vital role that relationship and mentoring play in catechetical formation, and explore how the new Franciscan at Home online learning platform can help foster mentored formation using online learning and local mentoring. This seminar is open to anyone serving in a catechetical role: DREs, catechists, Catholic school teachers or administrators, youth ministers, RCIA leaders, clergy, and parents!

Towards a Kerygmatic Catechesis

Towards a Kerygmatic Catechesis, an afternoon seminar for priests, deacons and parish life collaborators, will be offered Aug. 13, noon to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral Undercroft in Jefferson City. Lunch will be served at noon, with seminar to follow. This workshop will examine the fundamental role that the kerygma plays in our efforts to catechize and evangelize within our parishes. Participants will also learn how the new Franciscan at Home online learning platform can assist them in forming parish catechists in a kerygmatic catechesis in their own parish programs. Dr. Bill Keimig, assistant director of the Catechetical Institute of Franciscan University, will be our featured presenter. [Click here for online registration, flyer and full details of the day.](#)

Please keep in your prayers the following people:

Residents of St. Andrews New Florence Nursing & Care Center, Hwy 19 & Picnic Road, New Florence, MO 63363 - Susan Ryan.

Contact the parish office to have someone added!



Please pray for: John Goodwin, Marlene Cunningham, Mackenzie Hagemeyer, Julie Thielmeier, Don Benney, Susan Schipper, Valerie Readey Neudecker, Angela Witthaus Keller, Karen Clark, Gina Smith, Virginia Cochran, Jack Scott, Jo Scott, Bobby Cochran, Mary Hertel, Joshua Cochran, Anita Jones, Jim Cochran, Jr., Jim Cochran, Sr., and Lynn Cunningham Duncan.



Please pray for all our men and women serving in the armed forces. Corey Stulce, Tanner Cobb, Travis Thebeau, Jacob Merz, Daniel Lohmann, Jared Korman, Tom Kraust, Tim O'Fallon, Brandon Benney, Gary Frey, John Burce, Chris Burce, Jacob Jones, Matt Veder, Michel James, Michael Adams, and John Martin.



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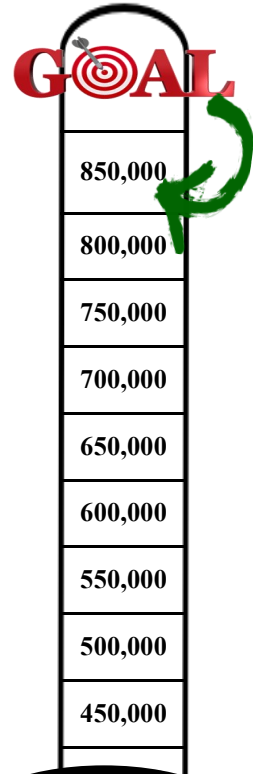
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