

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 29, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Each of the miracles in today's scriptures begins with someone contributing what little they have to others. It's easy to belittle our paltry gifts and let them go to waste. Today's scriptures encourage us to offer what we have and watch in gratitude as the Lord turns it into something miraculous.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK JULY 30, 2018

Monday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus
12:10PM Berzita Detjen by Dot
Tuesday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
8:15AM Pat O'Toole by Family
Wednesday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori
10:30AM Rev. Jack Frerker
Thursday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli
NO MASS
Friday, August 3
8:15AM Gerald Lake by Danny & Bonnie Smith
Saturday, August 4, St. John Vianney
5PM Janice Straight Smith by Dorothy Korando
Sunday, August 5
9AM For the Parish

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK JULY 29 THRU AUGUST 5

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon BBQ Brats/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: In many homes, meals begin with grace and end with putting away the leftover food. Those leftovers are either eaten later by someone who missed dinner or added to tomorrow's meals. The meal in today's Gospel is somewhat similar. Before the meal Jesus "gave thanks. "After all had eaten he asked that the leftovers be gathered" so that nothing will be wasted" (John 6:11, 12). It's not a stretch to see the similarity to our Liturgy of the Eucharist, which begins with a prayer of thanksgiving. It ends with the remaining Eucharist being reserved for those who couldn't be present and the "crowd" being sent to share Christ's sacrificial love. It's miraculous enough that all who are present can eat and have their fill. That is something to be truly grateful for. Yet, the miracle extends beyond the table. "The hand of the Lord feeds us" (cf. Psalm 145:16) with leftover love to spare. The abundant "leftovers" are meant not to be wasted, but to be shared with all those in need of Christ's love.

TITHE WEEK OF JULY 22, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,720.00
\$135.00 Improvement Fund; \$30.00 Cemetery;
\$4.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5,925.88

Fiscal Year Week: 4

YTD Actual Giving: \$23,703.50

YTD Budget Need: \$28,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$4,296.50)

YTD Weekly: (\$1,074.13)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for August 4 & 5: 5PM, Reed Welborn, Grace Welborn; 9AM, Luke Miller, Connor Wolff, Brock Vasquez

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God's provisions come in miraculous ways. Today, allow God to multiply what little you have.

JANY, MARCINKOWSKI, & BERT Family Reunion will be held on Sunday, August 5, at the Chester K of C Hall. Plan to eat at NOON. Please spread the word to out of town relatives.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH in Tipton will host their 30th annual Chicken Plate Dinner and Auction on Sunday, August 5. Mass is at 10AM and the Auction begins at Noon. Dinner is from 11AM-4PM. They will also have a silent auction, country store, and quilt raffle. Rummage sale items will be half price on August 5.

PARISH PSR PROGRAM will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16. In August, parents of students in 1st through 8th Grade will receive registration forms and information in the mail. However, parents of children entering Kindergarten or who are new to the program must contact Cheryl Gross, PSR Coordinator at 618-853-2678 or 826-2526.

VITAE FOUNDATION is hosting a Pro-Life Dinner to be held Thursday, August 9, at 7PM in Four Points By Sheraton, Fairview Heights. The featured speaker is John Foppe. Born without arms, Foppe provides dramatic evidence that every life matters. He travels the globe motivating audiences as the founder of Visionary Velocity Worldwide. Author of the inspirational classic, "What's Your Excuse?" and host of the docu-reality TV series, "The World at My Feet". Foppe's dynamic and entertaining witness will set hearts on fire for LIFE! Tickets are \$25 per person. Seating is limited. Please call 573-634-4316 or visit VitaeFoundation.org/events.

CATHOLIC DOCTORS NEEDED: Mission Doctors Assn. will offer the 2018 Fall Retreat/Seminar, Sept. 28-30, at Loyola Stritch Medical School in Chicago for Catholic Doctors, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants considering short-term mission service. You will also have the opportunity to obtain CME for attending the weekend. Visit MissionDoctors.org/Loyola to register or call 213-368-1872 for more information.

TAKING YOUNG CHILDREN TO MASS: As leaders of the domestic church, parents accept the primary responsibility for forming children in the Catholic faith. There is no more important experience to Catholics than the Mass, so it is crucial to help children understand and participate in liturgy as much as they are able. Go to www.foryourmarriage.org - *How To Take Young Children to Mass* - to find suggestions to help prepare the children (and yourself) for Mass. Pray for patience and understanding when stressful situations arise for the parents and the parishioners.

DINING WITH THE CROWD: Today and through all the Sundays of August, we are blessed with the Bread of Life interlude from the Gospel of John chapter 6. Today, Jesus, with his disciples, tries to get away from the pursuing crowd. But he cannot do it. Seeing the hunger in them, he feeds the thousands with five loaves and two fish. He feeds them with himself. Then he escapes alone. Why do I keep looking for Jesus? Why do I, Sunday after Sunday, dine on him in this crowd of believers? Because I am fed, who can I feed in turn?