

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 12, 2018

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The nourishment Jesus gives is meant not to put us to sleep but to fuel us for action. The selection from Ephesians seems to refer to the perfumed chrism with which the baptized "were sealed for the day of redemption" (Ephesians 4:30). Will others smell the heavenly aroma of Christ's love on us and be drawn to him?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 13, 2018

Monday, August 13, Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
12:10PM Orville Bievenue by Mike & Anita
Tuesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe
6PM Dorothy Niermann by Roger & Ruth Petrowske
Wednesday, August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
8:15AM Cleo Gross by Margaret Fulford
Thursday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary
NO MASS
Friday, August 17
8:15AM Dean & Maxine Lochhead by Bernice Prather
Saturday, August 18
5PM For the Parish
Sunday, August 19
9AM Reuel & Ruby Allison

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUG. 12 THRU AUG. 19

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| Sunday | 9AM Mass |
| Monday | 12:10PM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Taco Bake/Fried Chicken |
| Tuesday | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 1:30PM Dismissal – NO BUS 6PM Vigil Mass – Assumption of Mary |
| Wednesday | 8:15AM Mass – Assumption of Mary 2:50PM Dismissal – NO BUS |
| Thursday | NO MASS 2:50PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE |
| Friday | 8:15AM Mass 1:30PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE |
| Saturday | 5PM Mass |
| Sunday | 9AM Mass |

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR: The Passover bread that the Israelites make when leaving Egypt had no leaven in it so that it would not spoil and could continue to provide nourishment to them on the road. Thus it is sometimes called bread for the journey. Of course manna also sustained them on their journey through the desert. The story of Elijah being nourished in the desert beautifully epitomizes the many ways in which God provides bread for the journey. For Christians, Jesus' words, works, and life given for us are the bread we crave. He alone gives us the strength and courage to "be kind . . . [forgive] one another . . . and live in love" (Ephesians 4:32, 5:2). And, oddly enough, we can find this ample nourishment from the Eucharist when all we taste is a sip and a crumb.

TITHE WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$6,417.50
\$695.00 Cemetery; \$175.00 Improvement Fund;
\$13.00 Votives; \$1.00 Child Env.

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,008.50

Fiscal Year Week: 6

YTD Actual Giving: \$36,051.00

YTD Budget Need: \$42,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$5,949.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$991.50)

SERVERS SCHEDULE for August 18 & 19: 5PM, Kolton Jany, Koby Jany; 9AM, Elseah Congiardo, Brock Vasquez, Luke Miller

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If you've endured great suffering, eat the food that God has placed before you. Be

nourished by the care of family and friends. Receive sustenance from a good counselor. Treat yourself to God's grace. Otherwise, the journey may become too long for you.

THE SMS 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR will begin on Tuesday, August 14. Meet us in the cafeteria for doughnuts at 7:30AM. Dismissal will be at 1:30PM. There will be NO BUS SERVICE.

FRIENDS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SCHOOL is a committee created specifically to raise funds for the families of St. Mary's School. It has combined the "Help-A-Student" campaign with a new campaign encouraging our generous parish members and alumni to assist current school families and gain interest from prospective families. Tuition for one student at St. Mary's is currently \$3,400.00. The goals for the committee are to reduce this amount, increase enrollment, and improve the financial health of the school. Thank you to all of those who have already donated to this fund. We greatly appreciate your support! Feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or ideas. Bernie Kerkhover (618-763-4683), David Hustedde (kdhustedde91@gmail.com), and Jamie Petrowske (jpetrowske@gmail.com).

ST. MARY'S PSR PROGRAM will begin on Sunday, Sept. 16. Classes are held in the Parish House after the 9AM Mass until 11:15AM. 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.

BUENA VISTA NATIONAL BANK is sponsoring several day trips to the St. Louis Art Museum, St. Charles, and to see "Away in the Basement", a Christmas Musical Comedy. They are also taking a six day trip to Springfield and Branson, Missouri and Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Please see the flyers on the bulletin board or contact Amber Cushman at 826-2331 ext. 108 for information.

DEATH PENALTY: The U.S. bishops have been advocating against the death penalty for over 40 years. Just recently Pope Francis spoke out against the use of the death penalty, stating that it is "unacceptable in all cases." Society can protect itself in ways other than the use of the death penalty. Read the entire article about Pope Francis' stance on the death penalty on the Pastoral Services page (dps.diobelle.org/dps). Pray that the influence of the Pope will lead to the recognition that institutionalized practices of violence against any person erode reverence for the sanctity of every human life.

STRENGTHENED BY THIS FOOD: Vatican Council II sums it up in the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, no. 7. We believe without a doubt that Christ is present and living among us. We know of many ways when celebrating liturgy and, most especially, in doing Eucharist. This way – Eucharist and Communion – we love the most because it is so tangible. It seems personal at first. But ultimately it is always communal. We eat and drink one-by-one within the great crowd of believers coming in procession toward the altar, toward the meal, toward Christ. What do I believe about Eucharist and Communion? Why is it critical that I do this with other believers? How does this community of believers strengthen my faith and keep me faithful?

YOU'RE INVITED: Sunday, Sept. 9, St. Patrick, Ruma, 200th Bicentennial Celebration, 10AM Mass, Food Stand