

# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 5, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Eucharist has been called the "bread of angels" (Psalm 78:25). It is a free gift from God. It is offered to give us eternal life because through it we receive the life of Christ, "the true bread from heaven" (John 6:32). Jesus promised that those who believe and eat it will hunger and thirst for nothing throughout all eternity.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 6, 2018

Monday, August 6  
12:10PM-NO MASS  
Tuesday, August 7  
8:10AM Rev. Christian Reuter, O.F.M.  
Wednesday, August 8  
10:30AM Lori Boever by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Boever  
Thursday, August 9  
NO MASS  
Friday, August 10  
8:15AM Cleo Gross by Bill & Linda Smith  
Saturday, August 11  
5PM Pat Kickham by Willie  
Sunday, August 12  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AUG. 5 THRU AUG. 12

Sunday	9AM Mass
Monday	NO MASS 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Baked Ham/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass in Rectory Dining Room
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	NO MASS
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Unlike mortals, angels do not die. Nor do they need to eat or drink. Without corruptible bodies, they live eternally with God. But the psalm for today describes the manna that the Israelites ate in the desert as "the bread of angels" (78:25). As the first reading tells us, it seemed to them that it came down from heaven every night. Through the manna, their faith in God's eternal care for them was revived. In the case of the Israelites, they received life by eating the bread from heaven. And the life they were given allowed them to believe. In the case of the disciples of Jesus it's the other way around. We must believe in Jesus as "the true bread from heaven" (John 6:32) in order to receive the eternal life that he provides.

### TITHE WEEK OF JULY 29, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,930.00  
\$703.00 Improvement Fund; \$165.00 Peter's Pence; \$95.00 Cemetery Fund; \$20.00 Sr. Anne; \$34.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$5,926.70  
Fiscal Year Week: 5  
YTD Actual Giving: \$29,633.50  
YTD Budget Need: \$35,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$5,366.50)  
YTD Weekly: (\$1,073.30)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for August 11 & 12: 5PM, Jack Heffernan, Nate Maes; 9AM, Garrett Hopkins, Paige Vasquez, David Grau

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** In this season of life, God may want to resurrect a dying relationship or open an unexpected door. There might even be a risk that God wants you to take. Today, surrender your old self to God and make room for the new you.

**THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** will be Tuesday, August 14. Come and join us for doughnuts in the cafeteria at 7:30AM that morning.

**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL** has received a grant from the Catholic Service & Ministry Appeal's Fund for Ministry. This is just one of 29 grants that were awarded throughout the diocese. Thank you for supporting the CSMA.

**IF YOU HAVE CONSIDERED VOLUNTEERING:** Due to an ever-increasing number of clients to be served, Catholic Urban Programs is seeking volunteers to work as a receptionist at the front desk in their East St. Louis Office, #7 Vieux Carre Drive (Loisel Village area immediately off Route 157). Office hours are 9AM-Noon and 1-4PM, Monday through Friday. Volunteers are needed for half-days on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and/or Friday. Duties include: answering phones; greeting people; assisting people with applications and directing people to proper staff. No experience is required; however, you must enjoy working with the public and have good people skills; basic computer skills are helpful. If you have a morning or afternoon or a day or two available to volunteer, please call Gerry Hasenstab at 618-398-5616, ext. 203, for additional information. Thank you so much.

**RECIPIENTS OF THE 2018** Faith in the Marketplace recognition are: Marybeth Babcock-Immaculate Conception, Columbia; Dr. Christopher Dugan, DPM-St. James, Millstadt; Susan Odle-Our Lady of Lourdes, Sparta; David Waller-St. Anthony, Lively Grove; Simone Wheeler, RN, MSED, MHRD, MSML-St. Clare of Assisi, O'Fallon. The nominees will be recognized at a reception and dinner, Saturday, Sept. 15, at Bellecourt Manor, Belleville. Please consider attending this event to honor these people. Cost of dinner is \$40. Reservations are required. Please call 618-722-5045. Call Eric Seiffert (618-722-5047) to place a congratulatory ad in *The Messenger*.

**HELP US BUILD COMMUNITIES** in keeping with God's Vision of Justice: The Spirit of the Lord has anointed us to bring glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and let the oppressed go free. In our families and faith communities, how can we cultivate a sense of responsibility for building a society in which the dignity of each person is recognized and protected? "Local individuals and groups can make a real difference. They are able to instill a greater sense of responsibility, a strong sense of community, a readiness to protect others, a spirit of creativity and a deep love for the land. Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds." Pope Francis, (Laudato Si') Creator God, help us to join with others as disciples who seek to live the Gospel and transform our communities.

**REAL NOURISHMENT:** Who wants to remain hungry? We look for ways to be fed every day. Yet we get hungry again because being full never lasts. In Jesus, however, it does. His nourishment goes deeper, lasts longer, lasts forever. For what do I hunger, what do I thirst? How does Jesus Christ fill me up? Filled with Jesus, how can I nourish others?

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Sunday, August 5, St. Patrick, Tipton, 11AM-4PM, Chicken Plate Dinner, Auction beginning at Noon