

August 2 & August 9, 2020

St. John the Baptist Church, Osgood

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Saturday **Mass:** 4:00 PM
Sunday **Mass:** 10:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 3:30-3:45 PM
Sunday: 9:30-9:45 AM

Sunday **Mass:** 8:00 AM

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Sunday: 7:30-7:45

Saturday **Mass:** 6:00 PM
Sunday **Mass:** Cancelled

Sacrament of **Reconciliation**
Saturday: 5:30-5:45PM
Sunday: Cancelled

Sacrament of Baptism is scheduled by appointment.
Please call the parish office about sacramental preparation and to schedule your celebration.

Preparation for the Sacrament of **Marriage** requires at least six months.
Call the parish office before setting the date for your wedding.

Sacrament of **Anointing** is available upon request.



August 2, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Five Loaves and Two Fish are All We have Here."

Like the five thousand people you fed. we run to your holy mountain, relishing your lush gifts, filling up our starving souls.

You, the infinitely-more-than-enough, with the left-over baskets, say to us: accept your five loaves the way you are, fix the climate crisis, stop injustice, and feed the hungry people.

O, with your food we can. Feed us your grace

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Sunday Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

Romans 8:35, 37-39

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or the sword?

Matthew 14:13-21

The feeding of the multitude occurs more frequently than any other episode in the four Gospels – six times in all. This testifies to its importance for the early community, an importance due to its connection with the Eucharist.

Whereas we tend to see the origin of the Eucharist exclusively in the Last Supper, the early church laid at least as much stress on Jesus' eating with his disciples in Galilee, to say nothing of the post resurrection meals.

The telling of the story has been shaped by the eucharistic customs of the community: "taking the ... loaves," "blessed" "broke" "gave" I "ate". The words "he looked up to heaven" may also be eucharistic, though not attested elsewhere in New Testament eucharistic texts.

In the actual feeding (the final paragraph) the disciples' role is more prominent and what happens to the multitude is less prominent. The disciples bring the bread to Jesus at his command. Matthew explicitly states that the disciples "gave" the bread to the crowd. The evangelist seems concerned to underline the functions of the ministry as they are developing in his church.

"The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all your works," the psalmist cries out.

PRAYER

Lord, your love and compassion are always with us in times of trouble. Help me walk in solidarity with those who suffer and show them your love and compassion. For those who are depressed or despairing. We pray to the Lord

Faithful Meditations for EveryDay

Rev Warren J Savage & Mary Ann McSweeney

Reflection Questions:

The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all of our needs. When you are stressed or afraid, do you turn to our Loving God?

- Are you grateful for the good things in your life that were free of charge?
- Are you grateful God has used you to bless others?

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Formation

The Second Reading for this week is so powerful. Let us encourage our brothers and sisters by reminding them that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

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



August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O You of Little Faith, Why did You Doubt?"

Today's gospel begins with the disciples in a boat "a few miles offshore...being tossed about by the waves. When the men saw Jesus walking on the water toward them, they became even more frightened. They think it is a ghost. Jesus immediately tells them,

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid. And then he asks Peter to come out on the water in the same way. While Peter keeps his focus on Jesus, he, too, walks on water, but as soon as he becomes aware of the strength of the wind, he flounders and begins to sink. He calls out in distress, "Lord, save me!"

When our gaze is focused on Jesus, we also find strength and resources to do things that frighten us. Even when our focus drifts and we become overwhelmed, we need not fear. The Lord is always ready to reach out a hand to stop us from sinking.

Sunday Readings

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Elijah...stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, Why are you here, Elijah?

Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the holy Spirit.

Matthew 14:22-23

It becomes a paradigm of discipleship. The boat represents the church; the storm, the persecution through which Matthew's community is passing. Jesus appears and challenges Peter, the disciple par excellence, to trust him. Peter is afraid and cries out, "Lord, save me."

Jesus, half rebuking, half encouraging him, says: "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" The Lord brings Peter to safety, and all of the disciples make the adoring confession. "Truly you are the Son of God."

PRAYER

Lord, you taught your disciples to pray. Help me cultivate the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

From Faithful Meditations for Every Day
Rev Warren J Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney

Living Stewardship – Pillar of Hospitality

God is generous to His children. This week be generous and kind to all you meet.

That our parish may learn to trust in Jesus and never doubt. We pray to the Lord...

Reflection Questions:

When the winds start to beat down on us and we feel as though we could drown in our stresses, sorrows and worries, do we trust in Jesus? Do we find it difficult to trust in Him when times are tough?

- When have you felt Jesus' presence most strongly in your life?
- Which "winds" distract you from Jesus?

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St Jerome teaches us, "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Address to Catholic Biblical Federation
June 19, 2015



FORGIVE: FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE



...Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a commitment. It is a choice to show mercy.

...Without forgiveness, life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.

...Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom.
(Hannah Arendt)

...Holding a grudge and harboring anger/resentment is poison to the soul. (Steve Maraboli)
 ...The moments we share are the moments we keep forever.
 ...Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them. (Bruce Lee)



PARISH SUPPORT

July 18 - Collection \$ 629.00
 July 18 - Donations 30.00
 July 25 - Collection 1,413.00
 July 25 - Capital Improvement 2.00
 "Thank You for Your Generosity!"

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our priest will be hearing confessions on Saturday. The location for this sacrament is the sacristy on the right side (as you face the altar). You will be going face to face with the priest.



Mass Intentions

August 1 Dale Young
 August 8 Pat Schuman
 August 15 Janet Ward
 August 22 Dale Tunny
 August 29 Ruth Wenning

MARRIED IN CHRIST



Congratulations to **Jessica Ann Strassell & Jason Robert Manlove** united in marriage on Saturday, July 25 at St. John Parish. May God bless them in their faithfulness to one another!

REMEMBER AND PRAY Your prayers are requested for **Ted Wissel** as well as all those who are presently on our prayer list. Our Lady of the Sick, pray for them.

MESSAGE FROM DEAN OF THE DEANERY

As you know, Governor Eric Holcomb issued an Executive Order on July 24 which requires the use of face coverings for everyone over the age of 7 in places open to the public. Since our parishes are open to the public and since social distancing cannot be completely observed inside, the priests and PLCs of the Batesville Deanery believe that the unified use of face coverings in our churches and other parish buildings is in the best interest of all. Effective July 27, everyone entering a church, adoration chapel, parish office or other parish building, should wear a face covering of some kind until the Governor changes the expected practice. Those who have medical concerns should speak with the pastor or PLC. We appreciate everyone's assistance in following the guidelines of the Archbishop and the Governor.



OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Brantley Dicken - Dakota Snell
 Kassie Snell

May Jesus Welcome Them Into His Presence!

BLESSED SACRAMENT Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at St. Maurice, Napoleon on Friday, August 7 from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon.

SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER 11AM to 5PM

All Saints Parish – Carry out and outdoor seating St. Paul, New Alsace August 8 at 5-11 & August 9 beginning at 11 AM. Visit allsaintscatholic.net for more information.



BINGO St. Anthony Parish in Morris will hold bingo every Sunday evening. Doors open at 5pm. Early Bird games begin at 6:30pm and regular games at 7pm. Masks are required and will be re-evaluated each week. Upper and lower hall open for social distancing.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Joe Kelly	Linda Bear	Drew Willa	Amy Kinker	Pat Grieshop	Molly Ronaldson
Natalie Brown	Amy Castner	Todd Castner	Brooke Teer	Dennis Sanders	Madeline Ronaldson
Mike Raney	John Newhart	Gary Payne	Jennifer Hayness	Marsha Meister	Gerald Hermesch
Jeff Hafft	Tom Noah	Katie Smith	Joe Pesek	Mary Jane Jansing	Evelyn Nimeskern
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