

# The Pastor's Corner

A HUMBLE OFFERING MADE OVERABUNDANT

Whenever my family went to our grandparents' homes, as was a venerable Sunday afternoon tradition, there was one thing that was always certain: you were going to eat well. It could be a meal of meatloaf, chicken and dumplings, chili, chicken, amongst so many other various offerings, and each one was always prepared in abundance. There was often so much abundance, in fact, that you could go back and snack later if you were still hungry. There was always plenty of food to be had at either place.

Both the first reading and the Gospel deal with stories of what was thought to be a meager amount of bread- an amount that seemed to be too small to feed many people- let alone the amount of people that were present in each account. Yet, when the bread was broken and distributed in both accounts- it was enough! In fact, it was well over enough!

These next few weeks, we are going to be going through John 6 and specifically addressing the Eucharist in our readings. It is a beautiful time of recollection, because we are going to methodically reflect on and renew ourselves as a Eucharistic people. The first offering that we have this week is simple: the Eucharist is something that appears humble, but in fact fills us to overabundance with Christ, and with His grace. The important thing? That we never forget the goodness and importance of the meal. That we show up. That we come hungry and thirsting for our Lord and God!

Whether we are going to a grandparent's house- or to the Lord's Supper in the Eucharist- may we never forget that we are going to be fed something humble- which will truly fill us in a way nothing else can. Perhaps there will even be some left overs for us of food- and of grace!

-Fr. Belken

## Readings for Next Sunday

**The Eighteenth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

*August 4, 2024*

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

## 40 HOURS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

August 9-11, 2024

Adoration begins at 7:00pm on  
August 9, and concludes with Evening  
Prayer and Benediction at 5:30pm on  
Sunday, August 11. Sign-up for times  
is in the back of church!

## BISHOP RICE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

May our national efforts to  
renew and strengthen our  
belief in the  
true presence  
of Christ in  
the Eucharist  
bear fruit!

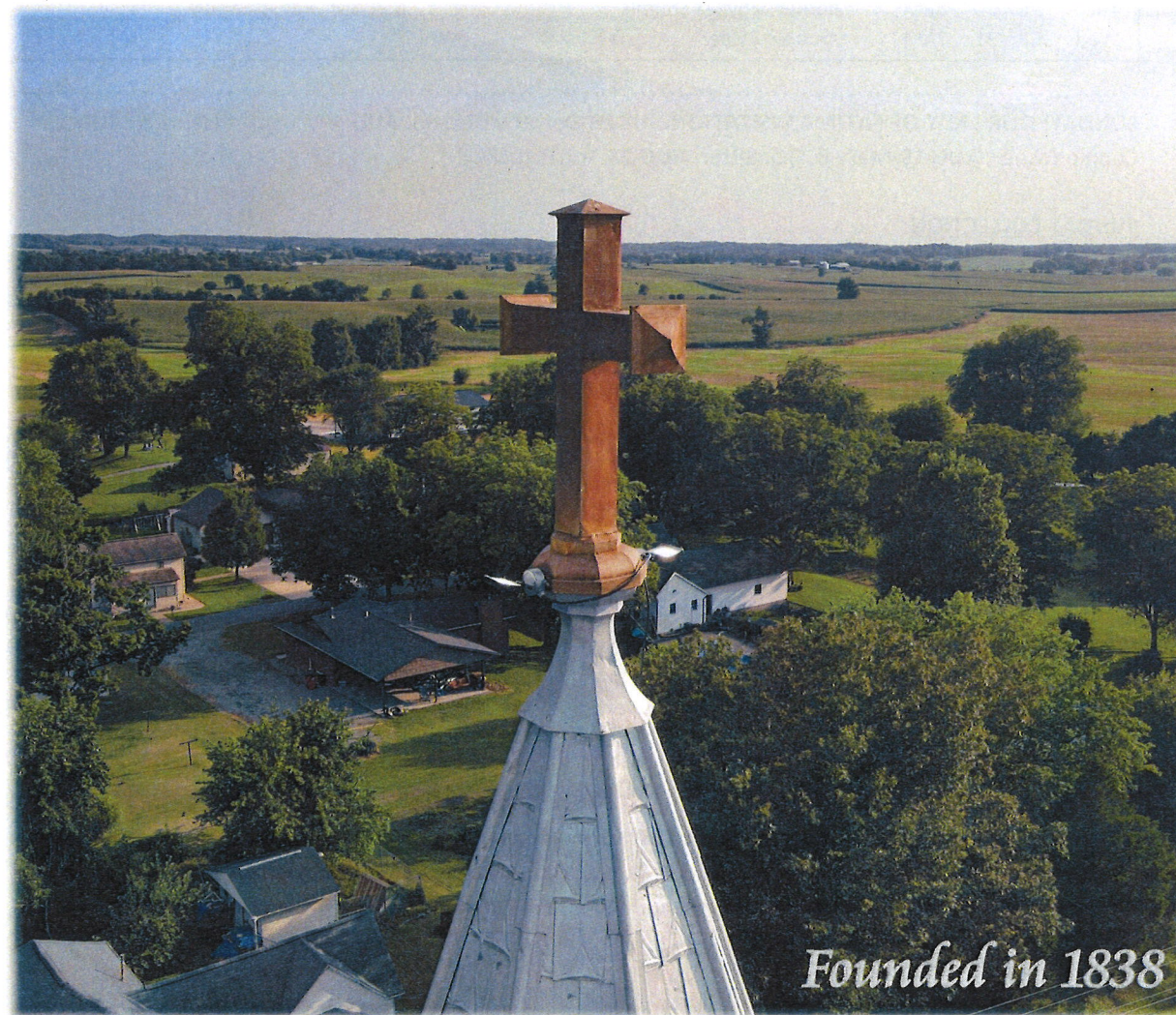


THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JULY 28, 2024



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17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28-August 3, 2024  
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#### Mass Schedule

Sat.	Jul	27	4PM	Bill Brucker	Thu.	Aug	1	7AM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle
Sun.	Jul	28	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Aug	2	7AM	Paul Stuckey
Mon.	Jul	29	No Mass		Sat.	Aug	3	4PM	Darryl Westrich
Tue.	Jul	30	6PM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle	Sun.	Aug	4	8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	Jul	31	7AM	Andrew Essner					

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.** JUL 28-Dorothy Deason, AUG 4-Margaret Heuring, AUG 11-Coonie Essner, AUG 18-Mary B. Glastetter, AUG 25-Terri Stuckey.

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION:

July 21, 2024: Loose \$200, Envelopes \$2400, Total: \$2600.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: Blake Burger  
Brett & Jessica Burger, Danny & Pat Burger, Robin & Nancy Burger.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup>, FORTY HOURS OF ADORATION.** To kick off the St. Lawrence Day celebration, we will be having "40 Hours of Adoration". Begins Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7PM and ends Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. The sign-up sheet and times are in the back of church. Please volunteer.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, ST. LAWRENCE DAY CELEBRATION.** Social hour: Meet and greet with the Deacons of our Diocese at 6PM. Potluck dinner at 7PM. The parish will provide fried chicken and ham. Potluck requests A-J bring vegetables, K-O bring salad or fruit, P-Z bring dessert. The Sign-up sheet for name and number attending is in the vestibule of the church. Fireworks will begin at Dark! Please join us in celebrating the past, present, and future of St. Lawrence Parish!

**PASTORAL NOTE: INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE PENITENTIAL RITE** - Starting in a few weeks, Father would like to introduce an alternate penitential rite from the Roman Missal (occurs at the very beginning of Mass, before the Gloria or opening Collect). The dialogue will go as follows, with congregation saying the bolded parts:

Presider: Have mercy on us O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

Presider: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And Grant us your salvation.**

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us...

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sat. Aug 3 4PM	Sally O'Brien
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Aug 3 4PM	Krista Kluesner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Aug 3 4PM	Mr./Mrs Ralph Heisserer
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Aug 3 4PM	Eli Holman/Drew Esner/Tyler Jackson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Aug 3 4PM	Zakery Johnson/Billy Ray Johnson/Dennis Kern/Don Kern

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun. Aug 4 8:30AM	Dorothy Deason
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Aug 4 8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Aug 4 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Brian Heuring
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Aug 4 8:30AM	Vanellope DeShaney/Charleigh DeShaney/Oliver Walter/Leeland Walter
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Aug 4 8:30AM	John Kern/Chris Kern/Daniel Kern/David Kern

**ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION.** We are now taking donations for fireworks for the closing ceremony of our St. Lawrence day celebration on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please put in an envelope marked "Fireworks" and either drop in the collection plate or the rectory. Thanks in advance.

**CODE OF CONDUCTS.** Code of Conducts are available online or in the Parish Office to be signed for volunteers, workers, and PSR staff/teachers for the upcoming year. Please come by to sign as soon as possible. **This year another form needs to be signed. The "Fair Credit Reporting Act" background check form also needs to be signed along with the CoC form.** Both are available online and in the Parish Office.

**FOOD PANTRY.** Summertime can be difficult for food pantries. We received a nice donation of cereal and instant potatoes from Gilster MaryLee but need help to buy other items. Please consider a donation. You can put your envelope in the collection marked: Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry. Thank you.

**MASS INTENTIONS.** Whenever the church has a Mass that is skipped because of a circumstance, then that intention is moved to the next available day on the Mass calendar. Mass intentions for the upcoming year will be taken starting October 15, on a first come first served basis. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**MO SCHOLARS TAX CREDIT MEETING WITH BISHOP RICE.** Please join Bishop Rice and other area business leaders for a meeting regarding tax credits and the MOScholars Program. Through the MOScholars Program, you can purchase Missouri tax credits to help further Catholic education in the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese. Tax credit is equal to 100% of an eligible donation! Come learn how to direct your tax credits to help local Catholic schools and those wanting a Catholic education. A meeting with Bishop Rice will be held on Thursday, August 8, at 6:30PM at Notre Dame Regional High School. For more information, contact Tim Garner at [timgarner@notredamecape.org](mailto:timgarner@notredamecape.org) or at 573-335-3416.