

The Pastor's Corner

MEDICINE LABELS... AND THE EUCHARIST?

If you've taken any number of medications, you know that so many of them have very specific instructions attached to them. "Take with food." "Take in the morning." "Do not drink alcohol while taking." "Do not drive." There are several instructions that can be attached, and the purpose of any of these instructions is simple: the doctors want the medicine to be maximally effective, without causing as many, if any, very detrimental side effects.

Jesus gives a simple reminder to the crowds in the Gospel passage selected for this weekend: "Your ancestors ate manna, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." He draws out a very real comparison between the "bread from heaven" that was the manna, and this new Bread from Heaven, that is the holy Eucharist. He reminds the crowds that the ones who eat this will live- and not just now, but forever! This must be some very potent medication, in a manner of speaking.

Indeed- this is a medication with very potent strength- but only if we receive it correctly. We all know about the need to fast an hour before Mass. What about the need to receive it worthily? The Church makes it clear that she expects us to present ourselves for communion only if our souls are in a state to receive our Lord. In short- the Church expects us to utilize reconciliation regularly before receiving our Lord so that our hearts and souls may be made ready to receive Him (Catechism 1385). We should make every effort to both know what the Church tells us is sinful (especially mortally so) and to surrender all these things to our Lord in reconciliation even before we approach the altar. We may still struggle, and may still be imperfect this side of heaven, but if we take the proper preparations to more worthily receive the Lord in the Eucharist, we may receive the full effect of what He gives us: the Bread of Life!

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2024

Prv 9:1-6
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSUMPTION (A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

6:00pm on August 14 at St. Lawrence
7:00am on August 15 at St. Lawrence
8:00am on August 15 at St. Denis
7:00pm on August 15 at St. Denis

*Please be sure to find a time to go
to Mass, here or in the area!*

BISHOP RICE'S AUGUST INTENTION

As we celebrate the Assumption
of Mary, we ask for her

intercession for
all students
and teachers as
they begin a
new year of
faith and
education.



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · AUGUST 11, 2024



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Congratulations and welcome to the Church, Sadie!

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 11-17, 2024
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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Aug 10	4PM	Dennis Gosche	Thu.	Aug 15 7AM Lefty & Ida Seyer
Sun.	Aug 11	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Aug 16 7AM Larry Fuller
Mon.	Aug 12	No Mass		Sat.	Aug 17 4PM Jeff Steger
Tue.	Aug 13	6PM	Andrew Essner	Sun.	Aug 18 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Aug 14	7AM	Louis & Anna Glastetter		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. AUG 11-Coonie Essner, **AUG 18**-Mary B. Glastetter, **AUG 25**-Terri Stuckey.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

August 4, 2024: Loose \$217, Envelopes \$2990, Total: \$3207.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th, ST. LAWRENCE DAY CELEBRATION. Social hour: Meet and greet with the Deacons of our Diocese at 6PM followed by Potluck dinner. The parish will provide fried chicken and ham. Potluck requests A-H bring desserts, I-Z bring salad or vegetable. 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!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Russell & Stephanie Burger
Nathan & Summer Meystedt, Daniel & Rhonda Carroll, Thomas & Kristan Carroll.

SEPTEMBER 8, ANNUAL FALL DINNER, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH. Mark your calendars for the upcoming St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Fall Dinner, from 10:30AM-1PM in the St. Joseph School Gym. The menu is kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, chicken & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dessert, tea and coffee. Served buffet style. Adults \$15, Children 6-12 \$7 and Children 5 & Under Free. Carry-outs available. We will also have our country store and bakery shop.

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.

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Aug 17 4PM	Frank Glueck
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Aug 17 4PM	Bernice Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Aug 17 4PM	Mr./Mrs Steve Holman
Servers:	Sat. Aug 17 4PM	Caleb Vetter/Noah Vetter/Parker Reeves
Ushers:	Sat. Aug 17 4PM	Patrick Kiefer/Jeff King/Darrell Klipfel/Floyd Klipfel

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Aug 18 8:30AM	Gary Reischman
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Aug 18 8:30AM	Bernice Kern/Kari Bickings
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Aug 18 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Jared Holloway
Servers:	Sun. Aug 18 8:30AM	Brady James/Tyler Morgan/Hailey Heuring/ Heidi Heuring
Ushers:	Sun. Aug 18 8:30AM	David Kluesner/Dustin Kluesner/Gary Kluesner/Gary Kluesner Jr.

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...

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.

NOTRE DAME BACK TO SCHOOL BASH. Join us for the Back to School Bash at Notre Dame! The bash will be held on Tuesday, August 13, in Notre Dame's King Hall from 9AM-11AM. Celebrate the last days of summer by dropping off your pre-k to 5th grader for a couple of hours of fun crafts, games and hands-on activities! The cost is \$20 per child. The event is sponsored by Notre Dame's Student for Life organization and proceeds go to help fund student participation in the March for Life. Sign up at www.notredamehighschool.org/schoolbash and give your kids a memorable end to their summer while supporting a great cause. For more information, contact Gail Timpe at gailtimpe@notredamecape.org.