

The Pastor's Corner

A HUNGER FOR OUR GOD

We've all seen it, and perhaps experienced it ourselves: someone who is "hangry." The word explains a simple phenomenon that is very frequent in the human condition: someone becomes so hungry that they become angry simultaneously, often so much so that they can even become quite irrational. The fix? It always boils down to getting something to eat!

The first reading and the Gospel relay to us two groups of people looking for food. In the first reading, it is a telling of the story of manna- that heavenly bread that was sent by God to feed the grumbling Israelites. In the Gospel, the people that were just fed last week are looking for Jesus. They aren't necessarily seeking Him as the Son of God just yet, but simply as a man who can feed them and make them full. Jesus starts to explain to them that there is something much more substantial that He will feed them with in due time!

As these groups were seeking food, they may not have known, but they needed something more: they needed God! We may already have some idea ourselves that we need to rely on God, but what exactly are we relying on God for? A common pitfall that is present these days is to simply view God as a dispenser, not necessarily of food, but of "good feelings" or "good vibes." Perhaps He can help when things get impossible. Maybe He will give me the material blessings I seek in this life, such as many prosperity Gospel preachers like to preach.

As much as we all may seek food- and we need that to survive- we need to seek God, and not just for food, but for all of the right reasons: for faith, for life, and for salvation. Otherwise, if we find ourselves doing life on our own, we may find ourselves quite "hangry." May we always remember that we need God, now, and every day of our lives.

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2024

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30—5:2

Jn 6:41-51

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!

A MOMENT OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

"When you have received Him,
stir up your heart to do Him
homage; speak to Him about your
spiritual life, gazing upon Him in
your soul where He is present for
your happiness; welcome Him as
warmly as possible, and behave
outwardly in such a way that
your actions may give proof to all
of His Presence."

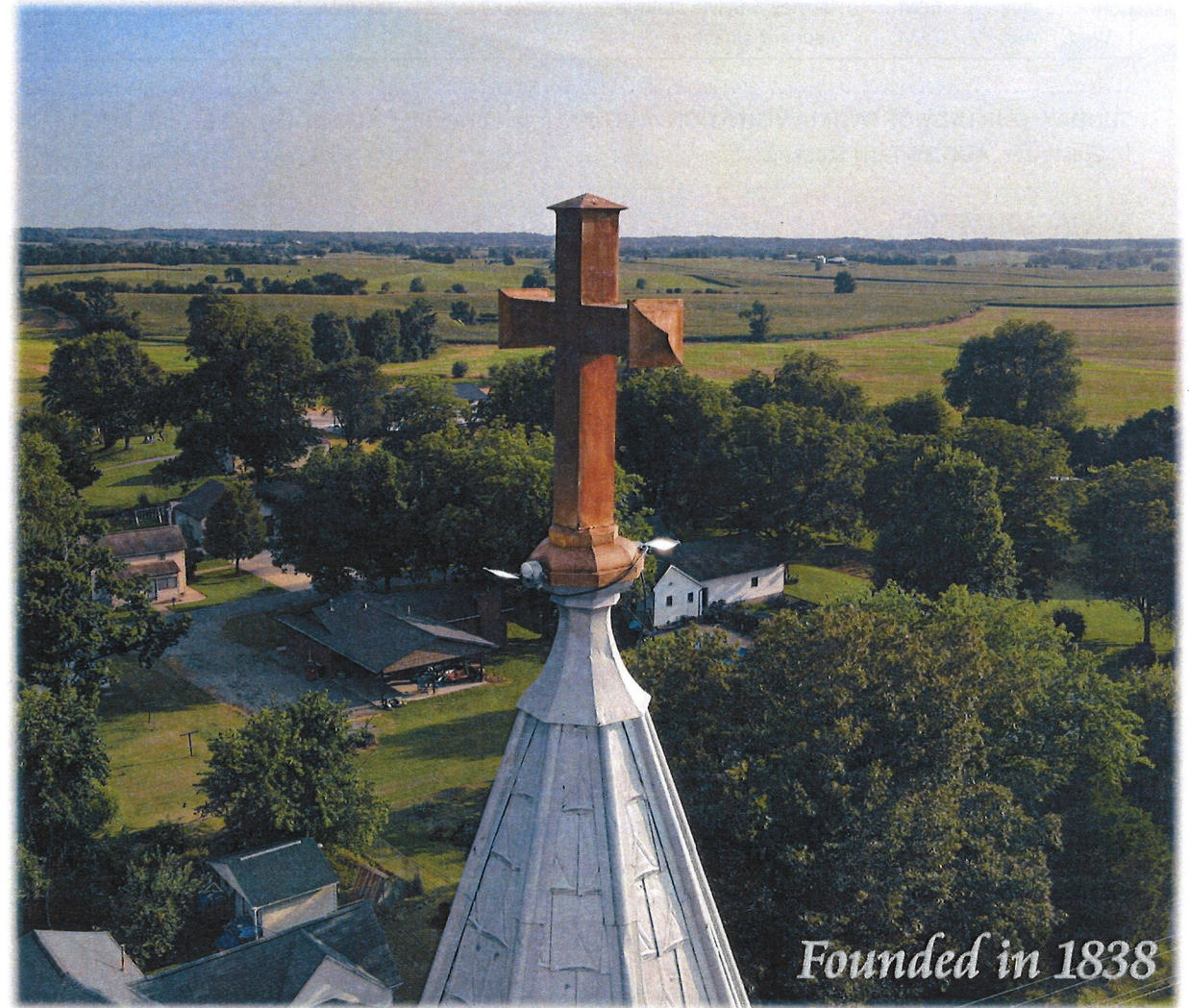
—St. Francis de Sales

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · AUGUST 4, 2024



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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4-10, 2024
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Mass Schedule

Sat. Aug 3 4PM	Darryl Westrich	Thu. Aug 8 7AM	Shelby & Charlene Steger
Sun. Aug 4 8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Aug 9 7AM	Ricky Duncan
Mon. Aug 5 No Mass		Sat. Aug 10 4PM	Dennis Gosche
Tue. Aug 6 6PM	Barney & Sylvia Steimle	Sun. Aug 11 8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed. Aug 7 7AM	Leonard Kluesner		

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

July 29, 2024: Loose \$63, Envelopes \$1982, Total: \$2045.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Heath & Karen Burger

Major & Monica Burger, Mark Burger, Matt & Jamie Burger.

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

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!

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...

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sat. Aug 10 4PM	Stephanie Burger
Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Aug 10 4PM	Cheryl Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Aug 10 4PM	Mr./Mrs Dean Heuring
Servers:	Sat. Aug 10 4PM	Isabel Crook/Wyatt Farrow/Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Sat. Aug 10 4PM	Michael Kern/Neal Kern/Randy Kern/Richard Kern

Lector & Communion Distributor:	Sun. Aug 11 8:30AM	Jill Pinkston
Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Aug 11 8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Aug 11 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Norman Joe Heuring
Servers:	Sun. Aug 11 8:30AM	Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne/Luke Benson/Drew Benson
Ushers:	Sun. Aug 11 8:30AM	Jon=Erik Kern/Kendall Kern/Kyle Kern/Robert Doug Kern

ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION. We are now taking donations for fireworks for the closing ceremony of our St. Lawrence day celebration on August 11th. 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 or at 573-335-3416.