

The Pastor's Corner

THE EUCHARIST SHOWS US SACRIFICE

If you've ever heard the short story "The Gift of the Magi, it is a very simple Christmas story, and yet it is powerfully heartwarming. This story, in short, is about a couple, Jim and Della, who make great sacrifices for each other to get their spouse the best Christmas gift. Yet, when they each receive those gifts, they realize the other person has sacrificed the thing that their gift was supposed to ornament or enhance to get the gift for each other. It's a tale of sacrifice, and of profound true love.

We continue the Bread of Life discourse this weekend, and we reach a point where Jesus is now focusing on the fact that this Bread of Life is His Body, and the chalice is His Blood. This, of course, causes no small amount of scandal and controversy amongst the Jews that are present, but Jesus does not back down from His message. This is His Body and Blood. One must eat it to live. This emphasizes something that they did not understand- their Savior loves them so much that He would hand over everything so that they might live and have life forever.

All too often, we are focused on consuming. We want to have and to take, and to focus upon ourselves. While that is an option for a way to live, it is not Jesus's way. Jesus's way is sacrifice. Jesus's way is pouring Himself out for those whom He loves. Jesus's way is handing over His Body for our salvation- and also for our life. He withholds nothing, but instead gives us this tremendous sacrifice of His Body and Blood. May we be so generous and sacrificial, for if the Master has handed over something so great, surely we can respond with sacrifices of our own, striving to sacrifice as well as Jim, as Della, or even trying to imitate Jesus's sacrifice for each other.

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

**The Twenty-First
Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

August 25, 2024

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Eph 5:21-32 or
Jn 6:60-69

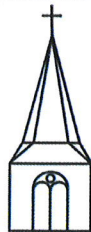
CONFIRMATION PREP

**PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR
UPCOMING INFORMATION
REGARDING THE CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION CLASSES THAT
WILL BE STARTING THIS YEAR.**

Come, Holy Ghost!

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.



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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18-24, 2024

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Mass Schedule

Sat.	Aug 17	4PM	Jeff Steger	Thu.	Aug 22	7AM	Robert & Emma Gaines
Sun.	Aug 18	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri.	Aug 23	7AM	Paul Stuckey
Mon.	Aug 19	No Mass		Sat.	Aug 24	4PM	Felix Enderle
Tue.	Aug 20	6PM	Melvin Glastetter	Sun.	Aug 25	8:30AM	Parish Family
Wed.	Aug 21	7AM	Ricky Duncan				

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

August 11, 2024: Loose \$158, Envelopes \$3745, Total: \$3903.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Shannon & Tammy Cureton

Kevin & Debbie Curry, Kyle & Cheyenne Curry, Terry & Dorothy Deason.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, ANNUAL FALL DINNER, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH. St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Fall Dinner from 10:30AM-1PM in the School Gym. The menu is kettle beef, chicken & dumplings, chicken & dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, dessert, tea and coffee. 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.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, ST. DENIS 10th ANNUAL PAUL STUCKEY GOLF SCRAMBLE. At Bent Creek golf course. Lunch served at 11:30AM with a shotgun start at 12:30PM.

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.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR). There is a signup sheet for kindergarten religion students in the back of church. If your child will be attending kindergarten PSR, please enroll. We need a 3rd grade teacher for this upcoming year. If you can help, please call Pat Moore at 573-545-3458. **Meeting with religion teachers is Wednesday, August 21 at 6PM. Parish Center meeting room to plan for the coming school year.**

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.

<u>Lector & Communion Distributor:</u>	Sat.	Aug 24	4PM	Cindy Glueck
<u>Organist/Cantor:</u>	Sat.	Aug 24	4PM	Krista Kluesner
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Sat.	Aug 24	4PM	Mr./Mrs Derrick Irwin
<u>Servers:</u>	Sat.	Aug 24	4PM	Leeland Duenne/Kynli Duenne/Drew Essner
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sat.	Aug 24	4PM	Kyle Koepp/Kerry Wayne Lasters/Samuel Long/ Steven Loveless

<u>Lector & Communion Distributor:</u>	Sun.	Aug 25	8:30AM	Shannon Schumer
<u>Organist/Cantor:</u>	Sun.	Aug 25	8:30AM	Krista Kluesner
<u>Gift Bearers:</u>	Sun.	Aug 25	8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Brian James
<u>Servers:</u>	Sun.	Aug 25	8:30AM	Oliver Beck/Paxton Beck/Ty Glastetter/ Callen Glastetter
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sun.	Aug 25	8:30AM	John Kluesner/Norman Kluesner/William Kluesner/Tim Landewee

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.

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...

THANK YOU. Thank You to everyone who helped in any way with the St. Lawrence celebration this past weekend. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated for the fireworks. We especially thank Brad Kern for the fantastic fireworks display. Best in the county.