



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Aug 4th – Aug 5th

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18th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - EAT! EAT!

"He gave them bread from the heavens to eat." —John 6:31

Today's gospel reading from the sixth chapter of John begins Jesus' famous Bread of Life discourse, which we read for four consecutive Sundays. There is a distinct, intentional progression in the words of Jesus regarding our response to this heavenly bread.

During the first part of the discourse, Jesus emphasizes that we must believe He is the Bread of Life. The word believe is used four times from verses 29 through 47. Jesus teaches that we must believe in Him, and accordingly, believe the truths He is revealing. "I Myself am the Bread of Life. No one who comes to Me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in Me shall ever thirst" (Jn 6:35).

Jesus makes an abrupt, intentional transition in the last half of the discourse. He stops using the word "believe" and begins using verbs and nouns referring to eating and drinking. For nine consecutive verses, 50 through 59, the verbs eat and drink or nouns for food and drink are used. "If anyone eats this bread he shall live forever" (Jn 6:51). "If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you" (Jn 6:53). "The man who feeds on this bread shall live forever" (Jn 6:58).

Jesus clearly states that anyone who believes in Him will take the next step and eat His eucharistic flesh. There was no confusion for His initial hearers. They understood exactly the progression Jesus was making; they just refused to obey and eat (Jn 6:60ff). What about you? What will you do in response to Jesus' clear words? "Unless you eat..."

***Prayer: Father, every day, or as often as possible, I will open wide my mouth
so You may fill it with the food of Your eucharistic body and blood (Ps 81:11, 17)***

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass.

Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, Aug 5 - 8:30am –Fr. Louis Tran
CongHoan By Bao H. Phan

Monday, Aug 06 - 7:30am +Georgann
Hinson By Bill Hinson

Wednesday, Aug 08 - 6:00pm +Georgann
Hinson By Bill Hinson

Thursday, Aug 09- 7:30am +Georgann
Hinson By Bill Hinson

Friday, Aug 10 - 7:30am +Georgann
Hinson By Bill Hinson

Saturday, Aug 11 - 5:30pm +Georgann
Hinson By Bill Hinson

Church Cleaning for August

Marla Britten, Debbie Ollinger, Sandra Britten, Mary Treadwell, Pam Ashford, Tami Keese, Cara Ashford, Sharon Britten, Sherri Wieberg, Waymth Britten, Lori Connelly, Nicole Kuehler, Loretta Britten, Tabitha Eggemeyer, Shelley Britten and Britney Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charleen Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Willie Mae Barnett, Alice Britten, Alan Acker, Dale Brooks, Pam Bouse, Shirley Burgin, and Matthew Gary Britten

Family Chalice Program

August 4/5 Mike and Marla Britten

August 11/12 Jason Eugea Family

August 18/19 Brad and Tabitha Eggemeyer

August 25/26 Kay and Cobb Britten

September ½ Nick Kuehler Family

Birthdays

Aug 4th Brody Hermesmeyer

Aug 8th Gary Britten, Craig Baker

Aug 9th Gracie Treadwell

Aug 10th Austin Cole Friemel

Anniversaries

Stewardship Reports

07-29-18

Individual	\$1,725.00
Loose	\$ 354.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Total	\$2,085.00

07-29-18 Building Fund

Individual & loose	\$ 390.00
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07-29-18 Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center

Individual & loose	\$ 601.00
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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Aug 4th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zaydn

Lectors: Clifton Britten

Extraor. Com. Kevin Brown

Sunday, Aug 5th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Carrie Weinheimer,
Kay Britten, and Melanie K Britten

Saturday, Aug 11th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Ryan and Derek

Lectors: Carrie Weinheimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Sunday, Aug 12th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Saffron

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea,
Susan Britten and Tabitha Eggemeyer

Saturday, Aug 18th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Halle and Hope

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Sandie Hickey

Sunday, Aug 19th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Jackson and Wesley

Lectors: Nick Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,
Barbara Homer and Marla Britten

Saturday, Aug 25th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Phineas and Kacie

Lectors: Jason Eugea

Extraor. Com. Minister: Vanessa Eugea

Sunday, Aug 26th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Carrigan

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joannie Kling,
Michele Bohr, and Nicole Kuehler

Announcements:

Second Collection:

August 12th Building fund

RCIA:

Thirsting for God? Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic? Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Weekly "no obligation" inquiry sessions start August 28th at 7p.m. in the Parrish hall. For question call Tabitha Eggemeyer 806-651-9176

Mass:

There is a healing service following mass this Saturday and Sunday

Father Raj is asking for a volunteer to a Sacristan for our parish. A Sacristan is in charge of the sacristy and it's content. Please contact Father Raj if you are interested or need more information.

Monday Aug 6th is the last day to register for the August 11th Saturday Ministry conference which will be held at St. Mary's In Amarillo beginning @ 8:45. Everyone is invited to attend. Registration is \$20 per person or if more than 10 from our parish attend it will be \$15. Regstration at the door will be \$30. Please try to attend this conference, if at all possible.

Contact: Cara Ashford at ashfordcar@gmail.com, if you have information for the bulletin.

Announcements:

*Tuesday, August 14: Mass at 7:30pm and Wednesday, August 15, Mass at 7:30am. A holy day of obligation to commemorate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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August 6: The feast of the Transfiguration of Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee (Matthew 17:1-6; Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:28-36). After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem (Matthew 16:21), Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John, went up the mountain. There, St. Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow." The brightness was not something added to Christ but the manifestation of His true divine nature. For Peter, James, and John, it was also a glimpse of the glories of heaven and of the resurrected body promised to all Christians. As Christ was transfigured, two others appeared with Him: Moses, representing the Old Testament Law, and Elijah, representing the prophets. Thus Christ, Who stood between the two and spoke with them, appeared to the disciples as the fulfillment of both the Law and the prophets. At Christ's baptism in the Jordan, the voice of God the Father was heard to proclaim that "This is my beloved Son" (Matthew 3:17). During the Transfiguration, God the Father pronounced the same words (Matthew 17:5). Despite the importance of this event, the Feast of the Transfiguration was not among the earliest of the Christian feasts. It was celebrated in Asia starting in the fourth or fifth century and spread throughout the Christian East in the centuries following. The Catholic Encyclopedia notes that it wasn't commonly celebrated in the West until the tenth century. To celebrate the great Christian victory at the Siege of Belgrade in 1456, during which the Muslim Turks were routed and the Islamic advance into Europe was halted, Pope Callixtus III elevated the Transfiguration to a feast of the universal Church and established August 6 as the date of its celebration.