

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

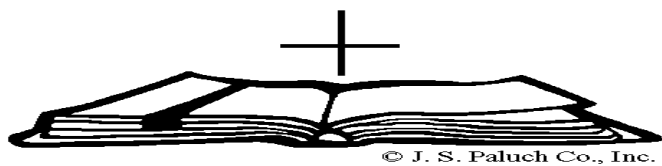
AUGUST 1, 2021

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.
— *John 6:27a*

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today's Gospel has the crowd asking Jesus three questions. First, "When did you get here," to which Jesus responds by rebuking them for their failure to grasp his miracle as a "sign," an occasion to put faith in him. Their second question about accomplishing the "works of God" has Jesus respond that faith is the "work" that God wishes. Many scholars believe this is John's answer to the faith-works dichotomy emerging in the early Christian community. Faith is the work of God in the believer, John would have us understand. The third question asked by the crowd is a request for a "sign" that would allow them to put faith in Jesus, as the manna in the desert allowed the Israelites to put faith in the Lord God. Jesus answers by revealing himself as the "bread of life" that "comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Mass Intentions



Sat., July 31 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr, Nick Sita, David Bulloch, **and for the living:** Karge Family, Special Intention

Sun., Aug. 01, 7:30 a.m. Audry Barros Fresh, Carol Pieri, Bob Chandler, **and for the living,** Deacon Jeff Stein, Chambless/Perilloux Family, and Joy Guidry

Sun., Aug. 01, 9:15 a.m. F. Charles Armstrong Jr., **For the living:** and Ashli Pierre

Sun., Aug. 01, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., Aug. 02, 8:00 a.m. Robert and Ruth McGarry

Tues., Aug. 03 NO MASS

Wed., Aug. 04, 8:00 a.m. Laurie Lee Kent

Thurs., Aug. 05, 8:00 a.m. Doris and Richard Letsch

Fri., Aug. 06, 8:00 a.m. Leonard Wilfert

Sat., Aug. 07, 8:00 a.m. Robert McGarry Sr.

PRAYER LIST

Chuck Armstrong
Louise Cashmere
Nicole Boroughs
Cindy Hebert
Michael Guthrie
Anne Kirsten Ziifle

Starlette Rome
Lisa Vallee
Robert Till
Catherine Atkins
Ashli Pierre



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July 17 and 18

Envelopes	\$ 2,173.00
Loose	\$ 1,914.00
Bldg. And Preservation Fund	\$ 400.00
E-giving	\$ 990.00
2 nd Coll. Black and Indian Home Mission	\$ 1,032.00

July 24 and 25

Envelopes	\$ 2,033.00
Loose	\$ 1,280.00
Bldg. And Preservation Fund	\$ 145.00
E-giving	\$ 310.00

Thank you to all for the continued contributions. If you wish to give online, please go to:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: Karen Bovia
Blessed Mother: Ashli Pierre
St. Joseph: Alexander Bradford
St. Anne: Viola Bradford

We have some dates open for candles. If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle, please call 796-3806.

Sanctuary Flowers are in memory of

Amy Goff

POPE FRANCIS' AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

The Church

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

CEILING UPDATE:

Volunteers have begun removing pews and securing precious statues and other items from damage in preparation when work begins. We are working diligently to make sure all decisions are made for our Church Parish. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Fr. Vincent

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEES

Thank you to all who came forward and volunteered to run for a seat on the Council. **SIX** Nominees have consented to serve on the ballot. They are David Cooper, Tim Bartholomew, Jim Fanguy, John Tennyson, Joe Pieri Jr., and George Hemelt. Next weekend, August 7th, and 8th, we will have ballots with the nominee's names.

YOUTH MASS

Introducing St. John's YOUTH Mass! Beginning Sunday, September 26th at the last Sunday of each month, will focus on the youth of our parish at 11:00 a.m. Mass. Of course, all ages are welcome, but we will introduce more contemporary music and have youth participating as lectors, gift bearers, and greeters. If you have a youth who would like to serve in some way, contact Amanda Fraisse at amanda.stjohnsfolson@gmail.com

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

We are currently looking for catechists and mentors for our upcoming PSR year. If you feel called to serve the youth and families of our parish through sharing your faith, please contact Amanda Fraisse at amanda.stjohnsfolson@gmail.com

ATTENTION FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS:

Our Senior altar servers will be in attendance and making an appeal for new altar servers at all the Masses next weekend. The Seniors will be at tables after Mass signing up new volunteers. St. John the Baptist wants you.



FEAST OF FAITH

THE PREFACE: THANKSGIVING

The preface of the Mass has been called "a poem, the cry of joy and recognition, the song of the world discovering its salvation . . . the certitude of faith making hope spring forth" (Philippe Béguerie, quoted in *The Mass*, Lucien Deiss, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992, p. 70). The preface takes up the last words of the dialogue, and expresses briefly and simply why we are grateful, why it is right and just to give thanks and praise to God. On feast days, the preface sings of the specific mystery or saint we celebrate; in Ordinary Time, the Sunday and weekday prefaces express our gratitude for God's gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption and newness of life. The prefaces offer a succinct account of what God has done for us in Christ; they express the mystery of faith, always relating it to us, to our lives. "By his birth we are reborn," we hear in Preface IV for Sundays in Ordinary Time. "By his suffering we are freed from sin. By his rising from the dead we rise to everlasting life." Yes, we have cause to give God thanks and praise.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY UPDATES:

We will not have our Church history class on Monday August 2nd. Our next study will begin on August 9th.

We will not have our Bible study on Tuesday August 3rd. Our next study will begin on August 10th.

REMINDERS

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs., Aug. 12th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Friday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., in Library