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July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & Elderly Persons This Weekend

Observed for the first time this Sunday, July 25, this special day of prayer has come out of a time marked by a pandemic and, as a result, the suffering of our older generations in every part of the world.

The theme chosen by the Holy Father, "I am with you always", expresses clearly that, during the pandemic and in the better times that will hopefully follow, every ecclesial community wishes to be with the elderly always. Be there for all the elderly who are alone and seek the tenderness of an embrace. May no one have to live in isolation, and may all receive a visit from an angel and feel that the Lord's promise "I am with you always" is addressed in their lives.

God of mercy, You have given your children the gift of long life, And they ask for your blessing. Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future, May they persevere in hope that does not fade. To you be praise and glory for ever. Amen.

An Indulgence is granted to all those who perform a 'work of mercy' on this World Day by visiting an elderly person who is alone.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Bruce England of Reno, Nevada, and brother of Meredith Zehr.

The Lord walks beside us through the darkness and leads us back to peace. Pray that Bruce's family finds comfort in the Lord's peace.

Weekend Collections from July 17-18

Regular Collections	1,612.00
Capital Improvement Fund	25.00
TOTAL	\$1,637.00

Giving All We Have To The Lord For His Kingdom

In today's Gospel, there is a marked change from previous weeks. We have been reading from the Gospel of Mark ever since Corpus Christi. Now we turn for the next five weeks to the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel, which is referred to as the Bread of Life discourse. It is the most developed chapter in all of Sacred Scripture on the Eucharist, God's greatest perduring gift among us. We will have time over the next several weeks to look at this chapter, and look at Jesus in the Eucharist, with great detail, but today is the beginning of the chapter and the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves.

Five loaves and two fish. Let's be honest, it wasn't much. The apostles recognized how seemingly ridiculous it would have been. They said they would need six months' wages — literally two hundred days' worth of work — in order to buy food to feed such a crowd. But they were missing the point. As the Gospel says, Jesus was testing them for he knew what he was going to do. So he took the meager five loaves and two fish, blessed them, gave thanks for them and distributed them to those who were seated. The apostles were even able to gather twelve big baskets of leftover bread, in a certain sense, one for each of them so they would never be able to forget what Jesus was capable of doing. What essentially happened in this miracle? Jesus took what was given him and then out of that generosity, even though it was meager, worked a stupendous miracle.

Jesus still wants to work miracles like this today. He wants us to be as generous with him, no matter how much or how little we have, but to give it to him and to allow him to make miracles with our lives, with our generosity. He can work miracles out of everything we give him. And now the focus turns on each one of us. We may think that we only have one loaf and one fish, but if we give it to the Lord, he can do amazing things with it. We might have more. We might have been greatly blessed by the Lord in terms of education, or experience, or wealth, or health, or love, or any particular talent. If we give these with great generosity to the Lord, he, too, can do such enormous good through them. Whatever we have, he can and wants to use for His kingdom.

Here Jesus took what was given him and made it the foundation for what he would give us in return and for what he would give out of love for all of our brothers and sisters he died for. So today, at the foot of the Cross, let us stand and give the Lord all we have.

**Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Roger J. Landry, July 30, 2000

The Gift of the Eucharist

John 6 begins with the multiplications of the loaves and fish, our Gospel for this Sunday. *John 6* reveal the depths of the Lord's Gift of Himself to us in the Eucharist and on the Cross, two aspects of the same salvific event. With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst at the Eucharist, the Church is truly blessed. In the Eucharist, the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

Coffee and Cookies

after Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass each week

All Welcome!

Please join us for fellowship

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for July 2021

Social Friendship

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



TODAY'S READINGS

Breaking Bread Book

Pages 191-192



Daily Mass Readings—July 25-31*

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

*Daily Readings (and link to full biblical text) also available on Holy Cross Website:

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July 24	July 25		July 31	Aug 1
Mary Harris Sherry Ruyle	Elaine Hall Earlyne Hutchens	USHERS/GIFT BEARERS	Kay Rodriguez Mary Feichtinger	Bill Scrimsher Mike Cucchiar
	Carlos Sorell Kinney Herndon Kinley Herndon	ALTAR SERVERS		Liam Wright Carlos Sorell
Kendra Kuehn-Smith	Mark Mason	READERS	Lucille Dickinson	Mark Sorell

Happy Birthday! 

Mike Hickman	7/7
Blair Kuehn-Smith	7/9
Carolyn Greer	7/12
Fr. Leo's Ordination Anniversary	7/17
Mary Harris	7/21
David Atanasio	7/26
Denise Jones	7/30

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil — 5:00 pm

Sunday — 8:30 am

2nd & 4th Sundays (Latin Mass) — 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Friday — 5:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday — 8:30 am

First Sat. of Each Month — 8:30 am

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

Friday following 5:00 pm Mass

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 to 4:50 pm

Sunday 8:00 to 8:20 am
or by appointment/request

Weddings—Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your anticipated date

Baptisms—Please contact the Pastor for Preparation

Bulletin Deadline


Wednesday 8pm

To place information in the bulletin, contact Karol Watson, karol_watson@yahoo.com or 918-640-5819

FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Jerry Hickman, brother of Mike Hickman

Jean Podeyn, sister of Jackie Spieker

Pat Sanco, parishioner 

Charles Wright, parishioner

Kyla Cummings, sister-in-law of Joe C.

Raymond Bandy, father of Raydean Yoder

WE PRAY TO THE LORD

Holy Cross Mission Statement/Prayer

Almighty God, the mission of Holy Cross Parish is to bring the love of Jesus Christ to our community and the world. As your disciples, help us to touch the hearts of everyone in a way that enhances human spirituality and will bring all people into the fullness of your Kingdom. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen!

	<i>Altar Linens</i>	<i>Altar Flowers</i>
<i>July</i>	Elsa Kuehn	Kathy Gordon
<i>Aug</i>	Kay Rodriguez	Patti Chandler

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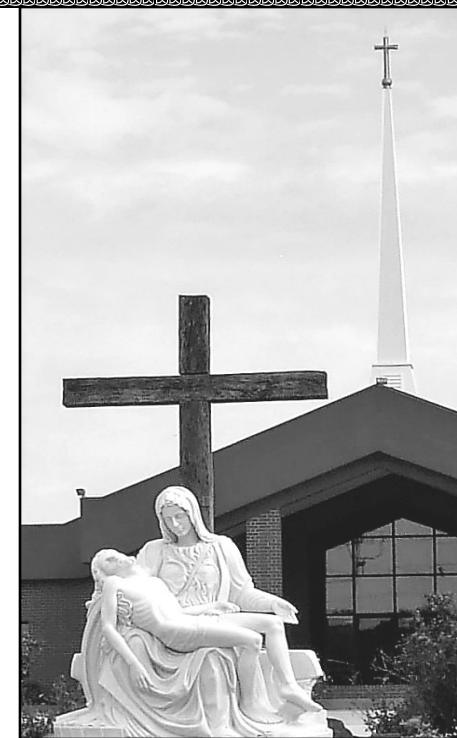
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