

August 19, 2018

# Ordinary Time

Twentieth Sunday



## Come, Eat and Believe!

**“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” One can sympathize with the people who ask this question in today’s Gospel, as they struggle to understand what Jesus meant by offering us “bread”, his flesh for the “life of the world.” Eating of Jesus’ bread and believing in his words, is an invitation to penetrate the mystery of God through Jesus.**



**Altar Flowers in honor of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary were donated by St. Anne’s K.J.Z.T. Society #4.**

## MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, August 25  
4:30 p.m. Benjamin Smolik  
Sunday, August 26  
8:00 a.m. Anton Stryk

## Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 34**  
**Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32**  
**Gospel: John 6:60-69**

Pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Mark Anthony Anderle**  
and for the comfort of his loved ones.  
*May he rest in peace.*



## REFLECTION

### The Bread is His Flesh

Today the significance of Jesus as the bread of life and the implications for our own lives are revealed in all their fullness. We have seen that he is not merely bread from heaven, he is also the bread of life. We have also seen that only those who believe in him have the promise of eternal life. In today’s readings we are invited to sit at the banquet he has prepared for us, there to feed on his own flesh and blood.

He gives himself totally to us, to enliven us, to nourish us, to strengthen us. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and will be raised up on the last day to live forever.

This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are also told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. This claim is an invitation to participate in the life of Jesus. What is your response to these claims?

## ST. MARY’S MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Harriet Kocurek*  
*In Memory of Dorothy Migl*  
*Mary & Charlie Bartos*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



August 20 – Charlie Bartos  
– Sarah Hill  
August 21 – Kimberlyn Michalec  
August 23 – Doris Kalina  
August 24 – Marilyn Cerny  
– Joyce Kubecka  
August 25 – Nathan Vrazel

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



August 19 – Johnnye & Jack Jameyson



Remember the sick in your prayers this week,  
especially Gary Greive.