

EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
NO MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
NO MASS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
12:05 Living & Deceased Members of
St. Anthony Fraternity of Secular Franciscans

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
4:00 p.m. +Mr. Alphone & Mrs. Bertha DeLucia
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
9:30 a.m. St. Anthony Parish Family
5:30 p.m. Vietnamese Mass

Liturgical Roles for Saturday, August 10, at 4:00 p.m.:

Lector: P. Andrews
E. Minister: K. Hunter
Ushers: J. & K. Cordell, B. Buhrman

Liturgical Roles for Sunday, August 11, at 9:30 a.m.:

Lector: N. Baird
S. Walcher
E. Minister: D. Walterscheid

PARISH PRAYER LINE

+Jim Mies Jerry Warrell Rosa Reyneros
Ukraine and its Citizens Kathy Hunter
Johnny +Jim Garcia Julie Munoz Ares Reid
Michelle Houchin Ja Lisa Esbrook
Shauna McNally Lori Born +Judy Freed

Good News!

August 4, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 / Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 / John 6:24-35

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Besides the meals we eat, we also feed various other hungers throughout the day. Try “fasting” from your smartphone or computer for a day—no texting, no emails, no surfing the internet. If you are a news junkie, try going a day without your fix of the latest word from Washington or a sports update. At a creativity workshop, I was once given an assignment of not reading for an entire week, not even a cereal box at breakfast or the day’s TV schedule. The goal was to discover what I would do with all my extra time. *Think about what feeds our daily hungers and interests.*

What, then, does it mean to say that Jesus is our bread, that he is the one who feeds us and quenches our thirst? To come to him, to have faith in him, to follow him, is to live as he lived. When we do so, we find that our lives take on new meaning. Living as people who forgive feeds our hunger for peace with one another. Generosity breeds generosity; as we meet the needs of others, we find that others also meet our needs, and slowly the world begins to care and heal. Surrendering to God’s ways opens us to a wellspring of strength previously unknown. With Jesus as our bread, we find ourselves fed beyond our trivial hungers. ●

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OFFERING

July 28, 2024

English: \$ 2,159.19
Vietnamese \$ 4,489.00
Total: \$ 6,648.19

AUGUST 4, 2024

This Coming Week

As mentioned in last week's bulletin, our Vietnamese parishioners and Fr. Ben are attending the 45th annual Marian Days festival and pilgrimage in Carthage, Missouri which began Thursday, August 1. The festival honors the Virgin Mary and is a celebration of Vietnamese American Roman Catholic culture, faith, and prosperity.

Note that there are no weekday Masses this coming week until Friday, August 9, as Fr. Ben is out of town until then.

Please pray for the travelers attending Marian Days. Several years ago there was an automobile accident involving some Vietnamese attendees.

The August 1 Wichita Eagle carried an excellent article entitled, "Eight Decades Later, a Catholic Sacrament Renewed." It detailed the revival of popular fervor for the sacrament of Holy Communion at the National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis on July 17. It was the first Congress since the 1940's and brought back in response to "American bishops' dismay that Catholics have been drifting from the ritual at the core of each Mass, and from their faith altogether."

A Pew survey in 2019 showed that only one-third of Catholics in the United States believe that the bread and wine of the Eucharist transform into the body and blood of Jesus during Mass. Fr. Ben had mentioned this statistic during his homily

earlier this year. This survey shocked American bishops, but then gave them the opportunity to launch a Eucharistic revival in 2022, of which the Congress serves as "a centerpiece."

A PRAYER

May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths, and
Superficial relationships,
So that you may live deep within your
heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and
exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice,
freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand to
comfort them and to turn their
pain to joy.

And may God bless you with
enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a
difference in this world.
So that you can do what others
claim cannot be done,
To bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the poor.

---Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

