



ST. MARY OUR MOTHER CHURCH

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St. Mary Our Mother is a Catholic community committed to the spiritual growth of all people as we share our faith and serve our community.



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July 28, 2024



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:11

STEWARDSHIP :

Weekly Contribution for week ending 7/14/2004
Totaled..... **\$7,591.79**

Main altar flowers for the week of July 28 - August 3, have been donated for July birthday blessings from the Briggs family.

IN THE PEACE OF CHIRST:

Walter Ermold
Joseph Henry



A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEKEND OF JULY 27/28:

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have- exercising good stewardship - releases God’s power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, money and our other resoures in His name?”

CEMETERY NEWS:

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary Our Mother cemetery. We ask that you please observe the 10mph speed limit. It is also important not to park on the grass, as many grave sites extend to the very edge of the road. The cemetery is a consecrated area. Reverence should be maintained at all times.

PRACTICING CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

TAKE MORE:

It doesn’t matter what time of day we visit my mother-in-law — she always has food to offer. If we take two helpings, she will encourage us to take three. If we take three helpings, she will say, “*Coraggio* — take more.” (She’s Italian, in case you couldn’t tell from the food-pushing and the language.)

When Jesus feeds the five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish, He does not produce *just* enough food to feed everyone who is there. He certainly could — that would be within His power. And He shows concern about waste, so it would make sense for Him to do that. But instead, He deliberately overproduces. He creates more food than is necessary. He makes an abundance of it. Why?

I think it’s for the same reason my mother-in-law keeps urging us to eat when we come to her house. Feeding people is not just a functional action. It’s a gesture. It shows love. It shows concern. It shows welcome. Having an abundance of food — so much that there is some leftover — is a sign that you don’t care how much someone wants — you are ready to give whatever they are ready to take. You are prepared to give recklessly. You are ready to provide them with not just all they need, but also all they could want.

I think of this when I approach the Sacrament of Confession. Time and time again I walk up to the door of that little room, a list of repeated sins in my hand and a sense of shame on my heart.

Here I am again, Jesus. Back for more mercy, I hope you haven’t run out.

He hasn’t yet. He never will. “*Coraggio,*” He whispers deep in my heart, “take more.”

“When the people saw the signs He had done, they said, ‘This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.’” — John 6:14



PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE:

It was in June, 2021 that **Pope Francis I** instituted a Church wide celebration of a **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** to honor and celebrate the contributions of grandparents and the elderly to our families and society. This day is to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, the Sunday closest to the liturgical memorial of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne on July 26th. We will celebrate this first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at our Masses this weekend. The Holy Father instituted this day, which in the opinion of many is long overdue, because “grandparents are often forgotten, and we lose this wealth of preserving roots and passing on what the elderly have received.” The Holy Father further emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, spending quality time together, and sharing stories. Though this is short notice, and if your grandparents are still living, plan to honor them in some way on the first World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. If they have passed to the Kingdom, remember them in prayer today.

Did you know that Saint Joachim and Saint Anne were the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus? Saints Anne and Joachim, like Abraham and Sarah of the Old Testament, were scorned because they had no children. Years of longing did not weaken their trust in God, but grief eventually drove Saint Joachim into the wilderness to fast and pray. St. Anne, remaining at home, went to a garden to plead with God for a child. The Angels appeared to Saint Anne in her garden and Saint Joachim in the desert, promising that, despite their old age, they would give birth to a child who would be known throughout the world. Legend has it that the parents to be, ran to meet one another at Jerusalem’s Golden Gate, and rejoice in the new life which had promised would be theirs. Saints Anne and Joachim are powerful intercessors for all married couples, expectant parents, and married couples who are having difficulty conceiving, as well as all who have entered their senior years.

Prayer for the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly:

*I thank you, Lord
for the comfort of your presence:
even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress from my youth!*

*I thank you for having given me a family
and for having blessed me with a long life.
I thank you for the moments of joy and difficulty,
for the dreams that have already come true in my life,
and for those that are still ahead of me.
I thank you for this time of renewed fruitfulness
to which you have called me.*

*Increase, O Lord, my faith,
make me a channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

- Monday, July 29, Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus**
6:45 A.M. Francis Atienza - Macapinlac family
- Tuesday, July 30, Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Special intention of Bootsie Corcoran - Bob and Becky Corcoran
- Wednesday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
6:45 A.M. Faithful departed
- Thursday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
6:45 A.M. Faithful departed
- Friday, August 2, Weekday**
6:45 A.M. Frank Witzel - his family
- Saturday, August 3, Weekday**
5:00 P.M. Bob VanBurger - wife, Barbara
- Sunday, August 4, Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time**
8:30 A.M. Deceased members of the Tallarida family - Mary Lewis
10:30 A.M. Phillip Amisano - his family

Pastor’s Perspective Continued:

*me, to never stop dreaming
and to tell of your wonders to new generations.*

*Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send your Holy Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that your gift of peace may reside with all people, the poor consoled and all wars ended.*

*Sustain me in weakness
And help me to live life to the full
in each moment that you give me,
in the certainty that you are with me every day,
even to the end of the age.*

AMEN.

Have a great week.. Please continue to take care of yourself and each other.

.....Fr. L



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE SUMMER RETREATS:



August 15

Men and Women Retreat - -Bread of Life - Discourse in John 6 and the Sacred Sacrament of the Eucharist.

August 23-25

Couples Retreat--Just As You Are.-.Encountering God’s Mercy in the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Fr. Phil Brockmyre, Deacon Gregory and Elena Kiley and Jodie Scordo.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE: 17TH. SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren’t met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, “The hand of the Lord feeds us, He answers all our needs”? Does He? What about the countless poor? Can’t we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The Psalm flows from Israel’s experience of God’s relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it’s like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity’s eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.



The Food Pantry is requesting the following much needed food items: **crackers** (saltine or ritz type), **cereals** (oatmeal or cold cereals), and **“frosting for cake mixes.”**

The pantry is always in need of **personal care items** as they are not available from the Food Bank. This includes: **body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine personal hygiene items.** They cannot accept over the counter medicines or vitamins.

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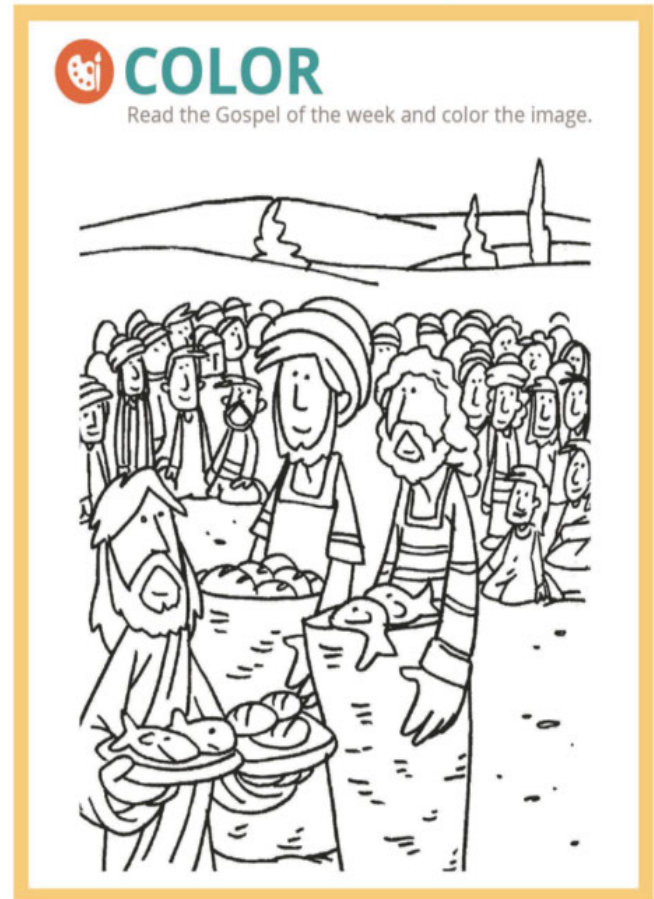
Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of His most iconic miracles - the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread, but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the god's own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they play little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way He equips His disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test Him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "He himself knew what He was going to do," but He wants His disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though He isn't confident in it. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.

In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in His generous work of redemption, just as we are.

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 6:1-15

FINDING A CHURCH ON VACATION:

It's summer time! Many of us will be vacationing and many will be looking for a Catholic church to attend Mass. To locate a Catholic church anywhere, log on to www.TheCatholicDirectory.com.

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