

AUGUST 1, 2021



18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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DAILY MASS **MON/TUE/THURS/FRI** 9 am St. Lucy **FIRST SATURDAY** 9 am St. Monica
WEEKEND **SAT** 4 pm (Vigil) both parishes **SUN** 9 and 11 am St. Monica, 10 am St. Lucy

Welcome

Photos from our Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers last weekend at St. Lucy's.



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IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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The *transfiguration* of the Lord

August 6



And the next chapter begins...

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our Founder was Beatified October 31, 2020

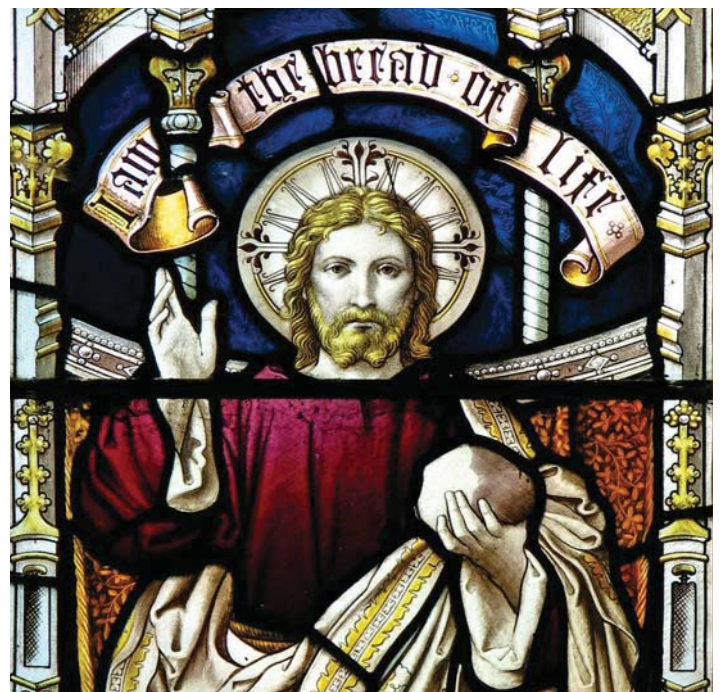
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Our Parish Offices are currently scheduling events and group meetings for the upcoming year. We ask group leaders to please submit their calendars to Karl Jackson at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com by Monday, August 16th for inclusion on the parish calendar. Thank-you.



THE FULFILLMENT of ALL DESIRE

A video series by Dr. Ralph Martin



Our parishioner Bonnie Doherty, OCDS is leading a study this summer on Zoom using the videos series "The Fulfillment of All Desire".

Upcoming videos:

Ralph Martin: 2021 Lenten Mission, Fulfillment of All Desire, 4 weeks
Week 2: Session 2, 1:09:32 (8/4)
Week 3: Session 3, 56:49 (8/11)
Week 4: Session 4, 1:06:34 (8/18)

Please contact Bonnie at bonnieocds@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 2 - 5 pm
Gethsemane Chapel



Confessions

Fridays 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
Saturdays 3 - 3:45 pm St. Monica Church & St. Lucy Church



ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, July 31

4:00pm Maria Laird & Cheryl Laird

Sunday, August 1

9:00am *Multiple Intention*

Dick Doherty

Charlie & Rose Hanafin

Jonathan Peters

11:00am Arlene Potenza

Saturday, August 7

9:00am **First Saturday Mass**

4:00pm Salvatore Durso

Sunday, August 8

9:00am *Multiple Intention*

Francis J. Heymans

Alice Indoccio

Ida Makovitch

Mary S. Pelletier

11:00am Renald E. & Renald J. Rochette

ST. LUCY PARISH

Saturday, July 31

4:00pm Charles J. Piro

Sunday, August 1

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*

Michael Leo Jewett

Daniel & Edith Cross

Charles & Frances Cross

Fr. Lawrence Sheehan

Fr. Laurier Lamarche

Monday, August 2

9:00am James M. Mahoney

Tuesday, August 3

9:00am Richard Calla

Thursday, August 5

9:00am Christine Ferguson

Friday, August 6

9:00am Dennis Hynes

Saturday, August 7

4:00pm Yvonne Soucy

Sunday, August 8

10:00am *Multiple Intentions*

William DeSantis

Jane Lewis

Mark Nichols

Alfio, Maria, and Antonino Reitano

Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God’s people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God’s presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living. Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God’s people.



SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

INTROIT

Ps 69: 2,6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, me help; O Lord, do not delay.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

At The Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
2. Where the Pas - chal Blood is poured,

1. Praise to our vic - to - rious King, Who hath washed us
2. Death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword; Is - rael's hosts tri -

1. in the tide Flow - ing from his pier - cèd side;
2. um - phant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.

1. Praise we him, whose love di - vine, Gives his sa - cred
2. Praise we Christ, whose Blood was shed, Pas - chal Vic - tim,

1. Blood for wine, Gives his Bod - y for the feast,
2. Pas - chal Bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

1. Christ the Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.
2. Eat we man - na from a - bove.

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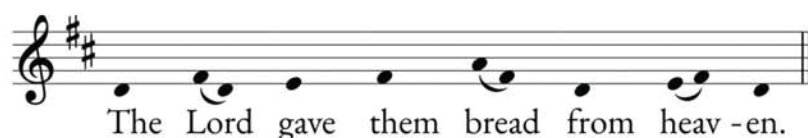
FIRST READING

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 78 (77): 3-4, 23-24, 25, 54



The Lord gave them bread from heav - en.

SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

∞ What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, We will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength.

∞ He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

∞ Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

ALLELUIA

Cf. Mt 4: 4b



∞ One does not live on Bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL

John 6: 24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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Wisdom 16:20

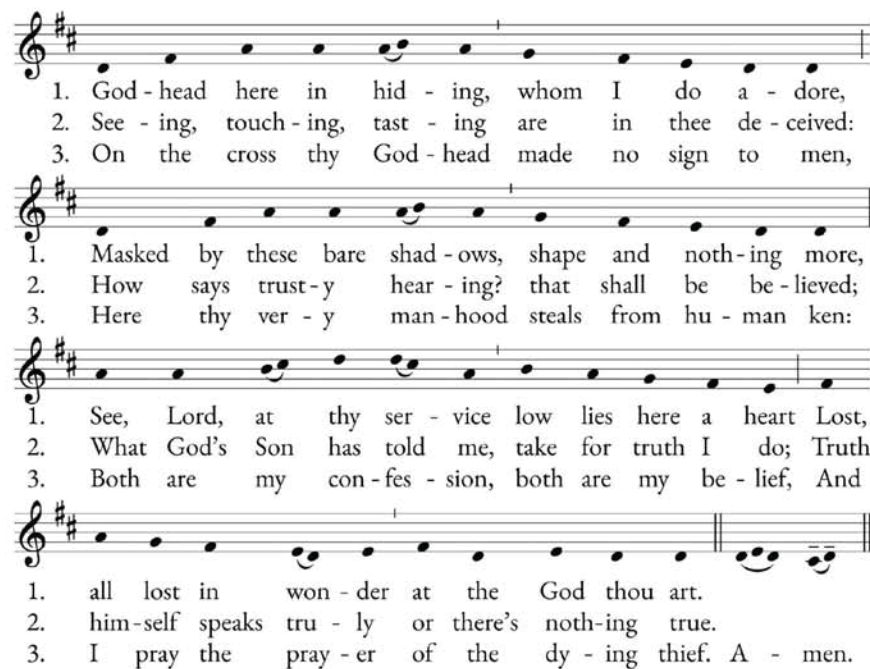
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.



SONGS & READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND

COMMUNION HYMN

Godhead Here in Hiding



1. God-head here in hid-ing, whom I do a-dore,
2. See-ing, touch-ing, tast-ing are in thee de-ceived:
3. On the cross thy God-head made no sign to men,

1. Masked by these bare shad-ows, shape and noth-ing more,
2. How says trust-y hear-ing? that shall be be-lieved;
3. Here thy ver-y man-hood steals from hu-man ken:

1. See, Lord, at thy ser-vice low lies here a heart Lost,
2. What God's Son has told me, take for truth I do; Truth
3. Both are my con-fes-sion, both are my be-lief, And

1. all lost in won-der at the God thou art.
2. him-self speaks tru-ly or there's noth-ing true.
3. I pray the pray-er of the dy-ing thief. A-men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1. Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Je-sus His the
2. Al-le-lu-ia! King e-ter-nal, You the

1. scep-ter, his the throne; Al-le-lu-ia! His the
2. Lord of lords we own; Al-le-lu-ia! Born of

1. tri-umph, His the vic-to-ry a-lone. Hark! The
2. Mar-y, Earth your foot-stool, heav'n your throne. You with

1. songs of peace-ful Zi-on Thun-der like a
2. in the veil have en-tered, Robed in flesh, our

1. might-y flood: "Je-sus out of ev-ery na-tion
2. great High Priest, Here on earth both priest and vic-tim

1. Has re-deemed us by his blood."
2. In the Eu-cha-ris-tic feast.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

- Sunday:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/
Jn 6:24-35
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2a]/Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 [cf. 3a]/Mt 14:22-36
or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-
22, 23 [4a]/Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a and 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/
Mk 9:2-10
- Saturday:** Dn 6:4-13/Ps 18: 28, 3-4. 47 and 51/Mk 17:14-20
- Next Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/
Jn 6:41-51

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2021

- Sunday:** 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John Vianney, Priest
- Thursday:** The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Friday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Saturday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.



We
shine
for
God

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Jesus said, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent." The one he sent was Jesus. If you believe in Jesus Christ you will love God above all else and love your neighbor as yourself. Full of love, you can do the works of God. You feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit those in prison, visit the sick, and bury the dead.

DRAW

Draw Jesus holding your hand in heaven, next to a pretty river.

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

FOOD	MANNA	LIFE
THIRSTY	FAITH	HUNGRY
MIRACLE	BREAD	COMES

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MISSION

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!

This week at our parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

- Mass 9 and 11 am St. Monica Church
- Mass 10 am St. Lucy Church

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group 6 pm Gethsemane Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

- Mass 9 am St. Lucy Church
- Eucharistic Adoration 2 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel
- Confessions 4 - 5 pm Gethsemane Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

- First Saturday Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother 9 am St. Monica Church
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel and St. Lucy Church
- Mass 4 pm both churches

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

- Mass 9 and 11 am St. Monica Church
- Mass 10 am St. Lucy Church
- Baptisms 1 pm - 2 pm St. Monica Church



PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for **Frank G., Francis, Nathan, F.G., Matt W., Grace P., and Susan F.**

Please pray for **Nellie DiStefano** whose Funeral Mass was recently celebrated at St. Lucy's. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.

Please pray for a priest and a seminarian each day as they need our prayers!

Day	Date	Priest	Seminarian
Sun	8/1	All Redemptorists	Mateus Martin
Mon	8/2	Fr. Joseph Raeke	Paolo Strudthoff
Tue	8/3	Fr. Michael Harkins	Javier Padilla
Wed	8/4	All Parish Priests	Gustavo Neitzke
Thurs	8/5	Fr. Richard Crowley	Michael Castellon
Fri	8/6	Fr. Shawn Allen	Ulises Diaz
Sat	8/7	Fr. Richard Bradford	Aaron Sanz

Roses for Life for this week

Theresa A. Rickley

Altar Bread for August

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MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm at St. Monica's and 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00pm at St. Lucy's

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