August 1 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

You called them out of Egypt. Their desert hunger was great. They grumbled and cried for the fleshpots of slavery.

You call us too, out of our cozy comfort, to fix the climate crisis, feed the hungry and end discrimination. And we grumble and dig in our heels. We fear to go where you lead because we've never been there before.

Give us yourself in the Eucharist.
Give each of us your life,
Make us glad to
become your journey now.

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ST. JOSEPH, HELP US IN OUR WORK

St. Joseph, our patron and our Guide, you worked as a carpenter which called for creativity, resourcefulness, steadfastness and strength. Our work demands these same virtues. So we ask for the creativity to see beyond our present reality, the resourcefulness to use the many gifts God provides, the steadfastness to stay with the tasks before us and the strength to meet the challenges that come along the way. And may we ask for one more gift that you experienced: to be delighted by the presence of Jesus in the midst of our busy days. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. (Sean Peters, CSJ)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 1 – Andrew Niese August 8 – Debbie Cox August 15 – Joseph Spreckelson

MASS INTENTIONS

July 31 – Tony Wagner August 1 – Ada Meister August 7 – Richard Wagner August 8 – Debbie Cox

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday - August 7 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri

Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday - August 8 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Julie Stephens

Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

Saturday – August 14 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer

Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday - August 15 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Susan Schutte, Amanda Schutte Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

PARISH SUPPORT

\$2472.00
\$ 2.00
\$ 203.00
\$2677.00

Capital Improvement \$855.00

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN ALL THE WAYS YOU GIVE TO OTHERS!

"Today, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other - that man, that woman, that child is my brother or my sister. If everyone could see the image of God in his neighbor, do you think we would still need tanks and generals? Peace and war begin at home. If we truly want peace in the world, let us begin by loving one another in our own families. If we want to spread joy, we need for every family to have joy." ~ Mother Teresa

PARISH PICK POCKETS – Empty your pockets of your change or a bill or two for our Parish Pick Pocketers. The money collected by them will go into our Capital Improvement Fund as we continue to replace money used for the tuckpointing project and look forward to other projects in the future. Our children are at the entrances of church today and the first weekend of each month throughout the year. Thanks for participating in this fun project!

<u>COFFEE AND DONUTS</u> – They have returned – those donuts and coffee. Come to the parish hall this Sunday, **August 1**, following the morning Mass. Enjoy fresh donuts with others.

<u>BLOOD DRIVE</u> – Our summer Community Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, from noon until 6:00 PM. Appointments can be set up online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or call Arlene Gehl at 812-852-4394.

<u>LADIES MEETING</u> – The Mary & Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 4, at 6:00 PM to discuss upcoming projects. All women and girls of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend.

<u>BLOOD PRESSURE</u> – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend, **August 7 and 8**, in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Roseann Wirth and Amy Prentice will be there to assist you.

<u>THANKS</u> – WOW! What a wonderful group of parishioners for the pitch-in meal on July 18th! Thank you for your presence! The next parish gathering will be on Saturday, October 2, following the 4:00 PM Mass.

<u>CHURCH CLEANING</u> – Committee #8 with Amber Siebert as chairlady will be cleaning the church for the month of August!

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS — Dear brothers and sisters who are ill, your sickness makes you in a particular way one of those "who labor and are burdened," and thus attract the eyes and heart of Jesus. In him, you will find light to brighten your darkest moments and hope to soothe your distress. He urges you: "come to me." (World Day of the Sick, Feb. 11, 2020)

ST. MAURICE AUCTION SEPTEMBER 11, 10:00 AM, IN THE PARISH HALL

We need YOUR help! PLEASE donate one or more items (new or antique) to our auction. Call Leslie Hicks, Jack Ferkinhoff, or Mary Bultman with any questions or concerns. All items are needed by August 7th if at all possible.

<u>CATECHIST</u> — We are in need of a catechist for the 7th grade. If you are interested in helping out, please see or call Joyce Muckerheide, 812-363-5929.

<u>THE POWER OF LISTENING</u> — "The most basic and powerful way to connect to another person is to listen," says Dr. Rachel Naomi Remen, author and integrative medicine professor. "Perhaps the most important thing we ever give each other is our attention."

Twice in Mark 4, while teaching, Jesus urges, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen. One way we show what Jesus means to us is by truly listening to his word — not just hearing sounds but being attentive and intentional. Likewise, one way we love and serve others is by respectfully listening to them: not assuming we know what they feel or mean or will say; not planning what to say even as they're still speaking, but listening deeply to learn about them and their experience.

We often think living our faith calls for great accomplishments or worldwide reach. But Remen says, "A loving silence often has...power to heal and to connect." Don't underestimate something as basic and doable as listening as a way to practice Christlike love.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Early 20th-century Ethiopian Emperor Menelik II had an unusual habit: When he felt sick or uneasy, he would eat a few pages of the Bible. He was feeling especially sick after suffering a stroke in 1913, so he ate the entire Book of Kings. A few days later, the emperor died of an intestinal blockage caused by the paper. (via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE, The Joyful Noiseletter)

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Blood Drive (Noon – 6:00 PM) Finance Meeting (6:00 PM in St. Francis Room)	Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting (6:00 PM) First Day of School for Students		Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (8:00 AM – Noon)	Items Needed for September Auction
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time						St. Nicholas Music Festival (7:00 PM- 11:00 PM)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Assumption of Mary			Faith Formation Meeting (4:30 PM)	Parish Council Meeting		Missionary Priest – Fr. Frank Falco
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Missionary Priest – Fr. Frank Falco						St. Mary Festival
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
St. Mary Festival	Liturgy Meeting (7:00 PM)					