August 2 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Like the five thousand people you fed, we run to your holy mountain, relishing your lush gifts, filling up our starving souls.

You, the infinitely-more-than-enough, with the left-over baskets, say to us:

accept your five loaf-selves the way you are, fix the climate crisis, stop injustice, and feed the hungry people.

O, with your food we can. Feed us your grace, Lord.

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 9

"O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"

Today's gospel begins with the disciples in a boat "a few miles offshore...being tossed about by the waves." When the men saw Jesus walking on the water toward them, they became even more frightened. They think it is a ghost. Jesus immediately tells them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." And then he asks Peter to come out on the water in the same way. While Peter keeps his focus on Jesus, he, too, walks on water, but as soon as he becomes aware of the strength of the wind, he flounders and begins to sink. He calls out in distress, "Lord, save me!"

When our gaze is focused on Jesus, we also find strength and resources to do things that frighten us. Even when our focus drifts and we become overwhelmed, we need not fear. The Lord is always ready to reach out a hand to stop us from sinking.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

August 2 - Albert Wirth August 9 - Harold Huff August 16 - Bertha Wagner August 23 - Lawrence and Lillian Lustig August 30 - Floyd and Erma Harlemert

MASS INTENTIONS

August 1 - Harriet Kunz
August 2 - Marjorie Haunert
August 8 - Dan Gehl
August 9 - Phil Wittich
August 15 - Richard Wagner
August 16 - Gary Stier
August 22 - Urban Johannigman
August 23 - Lorreta Niese
August 29 - Lucille Simon
August 30 - Ruth Gehl

7/14/20-7/28/20 PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Collections	\$5796.00
Capital Improvement	\$2019.00
Donations in Memory of Phil Gehl	\$ 470.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 15.00

Thank You For Your Continued Giving!

FORGIVE, FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE

Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a commitment. It is a choice to show mercy.

Without forgiveness, life is governed by an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation.

Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom. ~ Hannah Arendt

Holding a grudge and harboring anger/resentment is poison to the soul. ~ Steve Maraboli

The moments we share are the moments we keep forever.

Mistakes are always forgivable, if one has the courage to admit them. ~ Bruce Lee

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE **DEANERY** - As you know, Governor Eric Holcomb issued an Executive Order on July 24 which requires the use of face coverings for everyone over the age of 7 in places open to the public. Since our parishes are open to the public and since social distancing cannot be completely observed inside, the priests and PLCs of the Batesville Deanery believe that the unified use of face coverings in our churches and other parish buildings is in the best interest of all. Effective July 27, everyone entering a church, adoration chapel, parish office or other parish building, should wear a face covering of some kind until the Governor changes the expected practice. Those who have medical concerns should speak with the pastor or PLC. We appreciate everyone's assistance in following the guidelines of the Archbishop and the Governor.

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> — Macey Moorman, Brent Ricke, and Shaylee Volz will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Saturday, August 8, 11:00 AM, at St. Mary's, Greensburg. Because of COVID-19, only the candidate, sponsor, and parents will attend.

BLESSED SACRAMENT – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, August 7 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Rosary will be prayed at 8:00, after which adoration will continue.

<u>CEMETERY GUIDELINES</u> — The Cemetery Guidelines were sent in the mail the week of July 26 to every registered family. If you did not receive your copy, please call the parish office. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to call Sister Shirley. She is open to hearing your thoughts and/or ideas.

After reading these guidelines, please make the necessary changes to your loved ones' plots by September 1. Thank you.

<u>THANK YOU</u> – Thank you for the many birthday cards I received in the mail. Your greetings and prayers were received with joy!

NEW ALSACE CHURCH PICNIC – St. Paul: August 8, 5:00-11:00, and August 9, beginning at 11:00 AM. Visit allsaintscatholic.net for more information.



<u>BINGO</u> – St. Anthony Parish in Morris will hold bingo every Sunday evening. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Early Bird games begin at 6:30 PM, and regular games at 7:00 PM. Masks are required, and will be reevaluated each week. Upper and lower hall open for social distancing.

<u>COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE</u> – St. Maurice will be hosting a Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 4, 12:30 until 6:00 PM. Appointments are strongly encouraged to comply with social distancing. Schedule online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon or call Arlene Gehl, 812-852-4394.

ST. NICHOLAS DRIVE-THRU CHICKEN DINNER – Sunday, August 16, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM or until sold out. \$10 - Four-piece chicken dinner with green beans & mashed potatoes; \$6 - half chicken; \$12 - whole chicken. Picnic tables on shaded rectory lawn with complimentary bottled water are available for those who choose to eat dinner on campus, 6461 E. St. Nicholas Dr., Sunman, IN 47041, www.stnicholas-sunman.org



<u>Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> by St. John Paul II

O Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Fair Love, protect our families so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children. Our hope, look upon us with pity, teach us to go continually to Jesus, and if we fall, help us to rise again and return to him through the confession of our faults and our sins in the sacrament of penance, which gives peace to the soul. We beg you to grant us a great love of all the holy sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth. Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our consciences, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all others true joy and true peace, which come to us from your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read,

<u>THE LORD'S LAUGHTER</u> – These items came via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft, a Methodist pastor in Dover, DE:

- "The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house, and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!"
- "Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told 'no' if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides."
- "Day 10 at home and the dog is looking at me like, 'See? This is why I chew the furniture!"
- "Cops these days be like, 'Come out with your hands washed!"
- "So can we expect car insurance to go down since nobody can go anywhere? Just wondering, Jake, from State Farm!"
- "2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people." (The Joyful Noiseletter)