

July 29 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us.
He Answers All Our Needs."*



The Gospel from John develops the theme of sharing. Captivated by Jesus' healings, a large crowd follows Jesus and he wants to feed them, but buying food for such a multitude is impossible.

Andrew, one of Jesus' disciples, draws attention to a young boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew notes that such a small amount of provision is inadequate for the large crowd. Jesus, however, is able to feed everyone through the miracle of sharing. All partake of the loaves and fish, and leftovers remain.

*The readings today call us to be forever mindful of others' needs while striving to grow ever more deeply into the divine vision of one body, one family, so deeply loved by God.
(Carol Dempsey, Celebration,
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SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

+ An occasion that sets my faith on fire is when I am around someone who has the humility to admit when they have done something they know is wrong, instead of trying to weasel out of it.

+ A person I know who lives his life with nothing to hide is an inspiration to me and helps keep my faith on fire.

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., August 1	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., August 3	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 28	4 PM	Art Simon
Sun., July 29	10 AM	Thomas Merkel
Sat., Aug. 4	4 PM	Myrna Kohlman
Sun., Aug. 5	10 AM	Helen Ogden Haven

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – August 4 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Joe and Janet Wagner

Gary Wagner

Server: Macey Moorman

Cantor: Rachel Toops

Lectors: Dottie Hellmich, Judy Steuri

Euch. Ministers: Terry Harmeyer, Katy Schmidt

Jane Pictor, John Wagner

Sunday – August 5 at 10:00 AM

Greeters: Mike and Janice Simon - *back*

Paul and Arlene Gehl - *back*

Mark and Eli Wagner - *side*

Servers: Shaylee Volz, Caleb Simon

Cantors: Brooke Weisenbach, Rosie Newhart

Lectors: Julie Stephens, Doug Stier

Euch. Ministers: Katie Spreckelson, Blake Simon

Emma Spreckelson, Ben Harlemert

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2397.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 6.00
Loose Collection	\$ 255.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2658.00
Capital Improvement	\$730.00

Give From a Grateful Heart!

"I believe in Purgatory. I assume that the process of purification will normally involve suffering. Partly from tradition; partly because most real good that has been done me in this life has involved it. But I don't think the suffering is the purpose of the purgation. I can well believe that people neither much worse nor much better than I will suffer less than I or more. The treatment given will be the one required, whether it hurts little or much." ~ C.S. Lewis

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn July 29 through August 5 for Harry and Loretta Simon.

PARISH COUNCIL – Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Thursday, August 2, 7:00 PM in the St. Francis Room. Members on the Parish Council are Terry Harmeyer, Greg Kinker, Amy Prentice, Jayson Purdy, Bob Schwartz, Amber Stier, Marge Thole and Sarah Wenning.

Thank you to Laurie Husted, who served on the Council for the past six years. Also, thank you to Bob Schwartz, who has agreed to serve another three years.

BLOOD DRIVE – St. Maurice is sponsoring a Community Blood Drive in the parish hall on Tuesday, August 7th, from 12:30 until 6:00 PM. You can schedule an appointment online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon. Call Arlene (812-852-4394) or Hoxworth (800-830-1091) for more information.

LITURGY MEETING – Members of the Liturgy Committee will meet Sunday, August 5, 8:30 AM.

BOARD OF EDUCATION – Members of the Board of Education will meet Sunday, August 12, 8:30 AM.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked next weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Brooke Payne and Laurie Husted will be there to assist you.

RAFFLE MONEY – For the past two weeks, we have listed some of the ways we used last year's raffle money. We are ever grateful for this Charitable Gaming Account. We have begun preparations for the 2018 Fall Raffle. At present, we are seeking donations for prizes. If you are able to donate, please call John Glick, Jack Ferkinhoff or Sr. Shirley by **August 17th**. All material needs to go to the printer by **August 31st**. Tickets will then be given to parishioners by **September 15th**. All tickets will hopefully be returned by **November 4th**. The drawing will take place at the Smorgasbord on **November 10th**. Please help us out and be grateful you are not on the committee!



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS – Share the "Good News" of Jesus by inviting a relative, friend or neighbor to this year's RCIA, which begins in late September.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Sign on a house door: "Door knockers, please note: This household charges \$50 per minute to listen to sales pitches, religious messages, and fund-raising stories. This charge is payable in advance! By knocking on this door or ringing the door bell, you signal your agreement to these terms outlined above." (via Rev. Karl R. Kraft, Dover, DE)

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Psalm 145 uses the image of an open hand. It is an image that never goes out of style as a way of unleashing the many possibilities of living as a disciple of Jesus. It is a gesture of welcome, of giving gentle direction, of calming someone in distress.

An open hand also invites us in more challenging ways. As a sign of sharing, sometimes our personal time is hard to let go of. Can we instead focus our attention on others? Some of us might find it easier to share our opinions or ideas but more difficult to be open to hearing the opinion of others first. Can we try?

When we find our hands formed into fists, can we perhaps wonder what needs to be pried open here?