

July 31 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**TAKE OFF THE OLD SELF
AND PUT ON WHAT IS NEW.**

*If you owned all the clothes in the mall
but you would not clothe the naked;
if you sipped tasty wines
but didn't give up a glass of cold water;
if you took time to rake in money
but did not spread love;
then, what would you have?*

*What would you have us have, O Christ?
Make us want that more than anything else.*

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Becoming Rich in What Matters

What are we working for? What is the desire that moves us to sacrifice every day? Where is our heart? These are the deep questions pondered by the author of Ecclesiastes. He sees people around him struggling for years and then, as fate would have it, their wealth falls into the hands of someone who hasn't worked for it. He sees others, toiling and anxious, and wonders, "What does it really get them?"

Jesus also pointed out the vanity of making our life goal a struggle to amass wealth, as if that was the source of security. To keep us from spiritual shortsightedness, he reminds us of an undeniable truth: we know neither the day nor the hour when we will be called before God to give an accounting of how we invested the talents he gave us.

We have been raised with Christ. Our greedy, miserly nature has been buried with Christ so that our generous, magnanimous, and farsighted nature could be set free. So if we believe in Christ, in the one who left all his heavenly treasures and became poor so that we might become rich, then the best investment is in him and his truths. He guarantees a return, even if it is deferred. He promises that what we surrender to him will be reimbursed a hundredfold and will give dividends for eternity.

So when examining where our treasure is, where our hearts and worries go, Jesus would have us ask ourselves: *Will this make me richer in what matters to God?* (Fr. Mark Haydu, LC)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 31 – Harold and Virginia Reisman
August 7 – Marge Geis
August 14 – Deceased Family and Friends of
Glen and Diane Bohman

MASS INTENTIONS

July 30 – Ron Moorman
July 31 – Dale Tunny
August 6 – Myrna Kohlman
August 7 – Clara Marie Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – August 6 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Terry Harmeyer
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Roseann Wirth

Sunday – August 7 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Jane Pictor
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

Saturday – August 13 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Judy Steuri
Gifts: Glen and Diane Bohman
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – August 14 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Ron Bauerle
Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert
Eucharist Minister: Leslie Hicks

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2934.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 17.00
Loose Collection	\$ 322.00
Total Collection	\$3273.00
Capital Improvement	\$350.00
Missionary	\$1796.00

**THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WAYS YOU
BLESS THIS PARISH WITH YOUR GIFTS!**

"Material goods are necessary – they are goods! – but they are a means to live honestly and in sharing with the neediest. Today, Jesus invites us to consider that wealth can enslave the heart and distract it from the true treasure which is in heaven." ~ Pope Francis

FROM THE FAMILY OF AMELIA WOLTER –

We, the family of Amelia Wolter, cannot thank all of you, Sister Shirley, Fr. Bill, the Mary and Martha Circle, and the wonderful parishioners of St. Maurice Catholic Church enough. Amelia would have been overwhelmed by your kindness through the prayers, memorials, Masses, food, cards, and touching sentiments you offered our family for her. Church was her second home. Thank you for gracing us with your love and blessings. We are forever grateful. God Bless.

MISSIONARY APPEAL – Thank you for your response to the missionary appeal last weekend. **\$1,796.00** was donated to the community of the Holy Ghost Fathers for their work in spreading the Good News of Christ.

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #8 with Amber Siebert as chairperson will be cleaning church for the month of August. Thank you, ladies, for keeping our church clean!

BLOOD PRESSURE – Next weekend, August 6-7, you can get your blood pressure checked in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Jenny Simon and Katie Spreckelson will be there to assist you.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING – Fr. John and I anoint parishioners in their homes if and when needed. If you or a relative would like to receive this sacrament, please call Sr. Shirley or the parish office to make arrangements.

PARISH COUNCIL – Parish Council members will gather for a meeting on Thursday, August 11, 6:30 PM, in the parish hall.

SHELTER – Please do not bring or leave items in the shelter (such as a pet cage) without informing the parish office. Otherwise, we have no idea why it is there or what to do with it.

BLOOD DRIVE – Our Summer Blood Drive will be Tuesday, August 2, from 12:00 until 6:00 PM. Anyone in good health, over age 16, and at least 110 pounds is probably eligible to donate blood. Call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388) for more information or to schedule an appointment. Scheduling can also be done online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon.

GREETERS FOR 4:00 PM MASS

July 30 – Ken Hellmich and Paul Simon
August 6 – Dennis Wagner and Gary Wagner
August 13 – Brian Horan and Joe Wagner
August 20 – Ken Harmeyer and Ken Hellmich
August 27 – Steve Gilland and Paul Simon

GREETERS FOR 10:00 AM MASS

July 31 – Kevin Tunny and Tom Muckerheide
August 7 – Tom and Joyce Muckerheide
August 14 – George and Mary Bultman
August 21 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
August 28 – Kevin Tunny and Steve Wagner

ALL WE NEED TO KNOW – When a loved one dies, we have questions. What caused the death? When will the funeral be? What form will our grief take? Some deaths also bring spiritual questions: Where was God? Is our loved one with God now?

Paul shared deep thoughts about death with the believers at Corinth. His complex ideas might raise further questions, but here's the key: We don't need to understand everything right away – not all of Paul's theology or everything about God or all the practical matters around a loved one's death. Here, from 1 Corinthians 15, is what we do know: "Christ has been raised from the dead" – death doesn't have the final say. "All will be made alive in Christ" – a loving promise God offers to all. "The last enemy to be destroyed is death" – in the end, Jesus will destroy all sickness, pain, sorrow, war, poverty, oppression and even death itself. We are in God's loving hands. That all we need to know.

Eternal Peace to all our parishioners who have died this year! They are in the hands of God!

REFLECTIVE QUESTIONS – Would living a simpler life make my life better? How? Do "things" get in the way of my relationship with others?






THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the started man of the cloth. "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'" (via Fr. John Trimbur, The Joyful Noiseletter)

August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
		 BLOOD DRIVE 12:00 – 6:00 PM	SERVER PRACTICE for New Servers 6:00 PM in Church		 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 AM – Noon	Transfiguration of the Lord Mass 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mass – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks COFFEE AND DONUTS				Parish Council Meeting 6:30 PM		Mass 4:00 PM NO Mass in Hall – Rented
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mass – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hall Rented						Mass 4:00 PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Mass – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time COFFEE AND DONUTS	QUEENSHIP OF MARY 		Faith Formation Meeting 4:30 PM			Mass 4:00 PM
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Mass – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00 AM Shelter Rented					<u>THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</u> For small businesses: We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating and serving their communities.	