

Parish News

There will be no newsletter next week, I chair the Polish Kitchen and will be working to set it up the kitchen

We are looking for volunteers to help make this year's festival a success. Volunteers are needed in the Polish kitchen to serve the food as well as clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the Church..



Parish Festival

Parish Festival is set for August 2-4

New to the Parish Festival Magic Show with Jim Lutz on Sunday @ 3:00 pm

Festival Weekend Schedule

Friday August 2nd from 8am-5pm
Basket Raffle-Flea Market-Fried Dough*

Saturday August 3rd
Basket Raffle-Flea Market-Fried- Dough*-Bake Sale*-Outdoor Grill*

Sunday August 4th
Basket Raffle-Flea Market-Fried Dough
Bake Sale, Magic Show 3pm, Music & dancing to Galicja & Tony's Polka Band
Outdoor Bar & Grill
Polish Kitchen & Beverages

*Some areas will be open mid mornings

Festival Basket Raffle
Get ready to showcase your creativity and generosity for the Parish upcoming Basket Raffle

Basket are due to the Parish office by Tuesday July 30th @ 3Pm

-Use your imagination to design a unique basket. – Attach a list of items contained in your basket- Do not include candy or perishable items due to the August heat – Do not include gift cards, tickets in your basket, please place them in an envelope and hand it to the Parish office staff. Use an envelope in your basket to include the business and value of the gift card, tickets

Stewardship-

Operating expenses for the Parish on a weekly basis are \$6,200.00 Collection.

Stewardship for Julyth 21 Ordinary \$ 4523.00

Hope Appeal

2nd Collection at weekend Masses is for the Hope Appeal and will continue in order for the Parish to reach the 2024 Goal

Goal \$38,468.00 Received to date

Parish Giving-

The Parish is pleased to introduce “Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer. It is convenient no more searching for a checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM. To excess simply Log on the parish website www.sacredheart-saintmary.org and click on the Parish Giving Log and follow the easy registration instructions. It is Secure.

Events at other Parishes in our area

Please remember we are all a Catholic Community and need to support each other.

Mary Mother Savior Parish

Save the Date-Annual Parish Bazaar
Labor Day Weekend
August 29th-30th

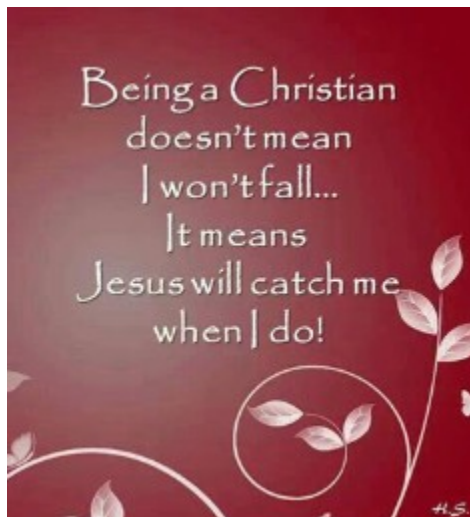
St Pauls -Whitesboro

Deacon Speakin
Evening with the Deacons on August 6th
Hour of spiritual nourishment with Eucharist Adoration following
Tuesday -August @ 6:00pm

Historic Old St. John's -Utica

Annual Sister Mary Theresa Charity Bazaar
Saturday Sept 7th 12Pm-6pm
Sunday Sept 8th 10am-4pm
Ethnic Foods, Kids Games, Raffles, Crafts, Marketplace and more

Food for thought





Please remember that your child faith formation does not end with a year's program.
Share your faith with your children until the 2024-2025 year begins in September.
Attending Mass is a wonderful way to continue your family faith journey.

Registration for the Faith Formation 2024-2025

Starting On August 13 & 14 after the 4pm Mass, 8am and 11am

Fee of \$25 for 1 child and \$45 per family

If you wish to pre-register your family for the program, please contact me directly at
315-527-8399.

The program for 2024-2-2025 has been completed and will begin on September 22nd

Our Parish follows the Diocese of Syracuse for the Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation which is the same in all Parishes in the Utica area. The Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation is a 2 year program in order to receive the sacraments.

This is a requirement for both sacraments. If your child is making one of these 2 Sacraments and your child was not Baptised at the Parish, a copy of the Baptismal Certification is required.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

The 9th & 10th Grade-Confirmation will be a block program offered thru the Greater Utica Area - Unlike last year where registration was on 1 form for all Parishes, this year, students will be required to sign up for 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation at the Parish.

The Faith Formation Program is looking for teachers assistants for the following grades, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 1 and for 7 & 8 Grade. If you wish to help share your faith with the children of the Parish, please give a call. Anyone who will help will require Virtus training.

Contact me if you are interested. Lynn 315 527 8399



Let's remember that as Catholics, the importance of attending Sunday Mass. At Mass we stand at mystically at the foot of the cross and witness for ourselves the same self-sacrifice of Jesus, in an unbloody manner. Mass is a celebration of this sacrifice. It is the active participation of all that come together in the place of worship.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2Kgs 4:42-44

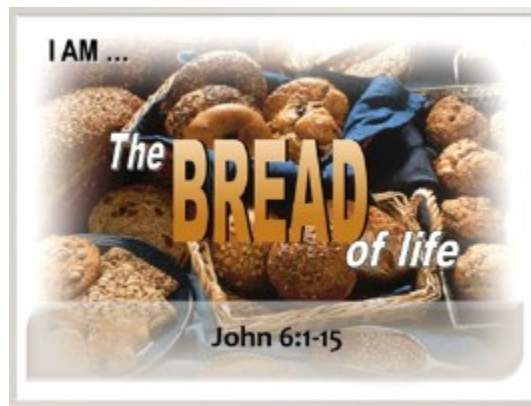
Responsorial Psalms: Ps 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-19

2nd Reading: Eph 4:1-6

Gospel: Jn 6:1-15

While these are wonderful reflections, please remember that they are not to be a substitute for the wonderful sermons of Father or Deacon Kirk at Mass.

As always, I try to find wonderful reflections for this week's Gospel reading. I let the Holy Spirit guide me.



A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 6:1-15

- 1 AFTER THIS, JESUS CROSSED THE SEA OF GALILEE.
2 A LARGE CROWD FOLLOWED HIM, IMPRESSED BY THE SIGNS HE
HAD DONE IN CURING THE SICK.
3 JESUS CLIMBED THE HILLSIDE AND SAT DOWN THERE WITH HIS
DISCIPLES.
4 THE TIME OF THE JEWISH PASSOVER WAS NEAR.
5 LOOKING UP, JESUS SAW THE CROWDS APPROACHING AND SAID
TO PHILIP, 'WHERE CAN WE BUY SOME BREAD FOR THESE
PEOPLE TO EAT?'
6 HE SAID THIS ONLY TO PUT PHILIP TO THE TEST; HE HIMSELF
KNEW EXACTLY WHAT HE WAS GOING TO DO.
7 PHILIP ANSWERED, 'TWO HUNDRED DENARII WOULD NOT BUY
ENOUGH TO GIVE THEM A LITTLE PIECE EACH.'
8 ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES, ANDREW, SIMON PETER'S BROTHER,
SAID,
9 'HERE IS A SMALL BOY WITH FIVE BARLEY LOAVES AND TWO
FISH; BUT WHAT IS THAT AMONG SO MANY?'
10 JESUS SAID TO THEM, 'MAKE THE PEOPLE SIT DOWN.' THERE
WAS PLENTY OF GRASS THERE, AND AS MANY AS FIVE
THOUSAND MEN SAT DOWN.
11 THEN JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS, AND
DISTRIBUTED THEM TO THOSE WHO WERE SITTING THERE; HE
THEN DID THE SAME WITH THE FISH, DISTRIBUTING AS MUCH AS
THEY WANTED.
12 WHEN THEY HAD EATEN ENOUGH HE SAID TO THE DISCIPLES,
'PICK UP THE PIECES LEFT OVER, SO THAT NOTHING IS WASTED.'
13 SO THEY PICKED THEM UP AND FILLED TWELVE LARGE

BASKETS WITH SCRAPS LEFT OVER FROM THE MEAL OF FIVE
BARLEY LOAVES.

14 SEEING THE SIGN THAT HE HAD DONE, THE PEOPLE SAID,
‘THIS IS INDEED THE PROPHET WHO IS TO COME INTO THE
WORLD.’

15 JESUS, AS HE REALISED THEY WERE ABOUT TO COME AND
TAKE HIM BY FORCE AND MAKE HIM KING, FLED BACK TO THE
HILLS ALONE.

REFLECTION: MULTIPLICATION AND SHARING

GOOD NEWS: GOD FEEDS THE HUNGRY!

AS THE GOOD SHEPHERD, JESUS DID NOT LIKE HIS LISTENERS
TO GO HUNGRY. SO HE ASKED HIS APOSTLES TO GO AND BUY
SOMETHING FOR THE CROWD TO EAT BUT THERE IS A HUGE
BUDGET PROBLEM. FORTUNATELY, A BOY WAS WILLING TO
SHARE HIS FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH WHICH JESUS BLESSED
AND “MULTIPLIED” AND ALL HAD THEIR FILL. THAT’S NOT ALL,
TWELVE BASKETS WERE FILLED WITH SCRAPS LEFT OVER.

WHAT A MIRACLE INDEED! OUR GOD IS A GOD OF
MULTIPLICATION. IF HE WILLS IT, NO ONE WILL STARVE. OUR
READING SHOWS THAT JESUS IS NOT CONCERNED ONLY WITH
OUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS BUT ALSO WITH OUR PHYSICAL
NECESSITIES.

YET, NOT A FEW COMMENTATORS POINT OUT THAT IF A BOY
BROUGHT WITH HIM FOOD, MOST PROBABLY MANY PEOPLE IN
THE CROWD ALSO BROUGHT THEIRS. THE MIRACLE HAPPENED
WHEN THEY SAW THE GENEROSITY OF THE BOY AND EVERYONE
STARTED SHARING THEIR PACKED LUNCH WITH THOSE WITHOUT
FOOD.

INDEED, THE WORLD HAS ENOUGH RESOURCES TO FEED THE
WHOLE HUMAN RACE. THE BIG PROBLEM IS UNEVEN
DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND THE GREED OF A FEW. THERE
ARE NEWS REPORTS OF FOOD ITEMS IN SOME DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES THAT GO TO WASTE YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT. YET,
MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN THE LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCE HUNGER AND FAMINE. OBVIOUSLY, THERE IS A
LACK OF MECHANISMS BY WHICH THIS PROBLEM CAN BE
SOLVED NOW AND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

INDIVIDUALLY, THERE IS MUCH TO BE DESIRED IN THE WAY WE DEAL WITH THE NEEDY. MAY WE LOOK INTO OUR HEARTS AND REALIZE THAT OUR TREASURES ARE REALLY NOT MEANT FOR US ONLY BUT THEY ARE MEANT TO BE SHARED. WHEN WE PRACTICE SHARING, EXPECT MIRACLES TO HAPPEN JUST AS JESUS HAD PROMISED: WHATEVER WE GIVE WILL COME BACK TO US A THOUSAND FOLD. (LUKE 6:38)

YOU MAY ALSO WATCH THE VIDEO VERSION BELOW.
YOUTUBE: JESUE FEED THE HUNGRY

This week's Saints of the week:

The saints are models of human excellence, perfected by the life of Christ and the communication of his Spirit. They demonstrate in their lives how to really live and how to really die. They consistently point to the horizon of love which leads to the fulfillment of all human desire: eternal communion with the Holy Trinity.

July 29th -Memorial of Sts, Martha, Mary and Lazarus; July 31-Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola Priest; August 1st-Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



While there is no faith formation until September. Below are reflections for the children until they return to the program in fall.

Theme
Jesus Feeds 5000

Object
A Picnic Basket or other item representing food

Scripture
When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:1-15 (NIV)

When I was a child, going to church on Sunday was sometimes an all day affair. You see, in the church where I grew up, we sometimes had what we called, "All Day Preaching and Dinner on the Grounds." On that Sunday, most people came to church carrying a big picnic basket like this one I have today. After we had Sunday School and preaching, we went outside and had dinner on the church lawn. Oh what a feast! There was fried chicken, mashed potatoes, fresh vegetables from the garden, and home-made cakes and pies of every kind you can imagine. After dinner, the adults gathered around and sang hymns and the children played games. Some of my best memories of childhood are those Sundays when we had "All day preaching and dinner on the grounds."

That reminds me of something that happened to Jesus and his disciples one day. They got into a boat and sailed across a lake. When they reached the other side, they went up onto the side of a mountain and sat down to rest. But when Jesus looked, he saw a great crowd of people coming toward him. They wanted

Jesus to teach them and heal the sick. So, that is exactly what he did. He healed the sick and taught the people about the kingdom of heaven.

Soon it was time to eat. Jesus asked one of the disciples whose name was Philip, "Where can we buy enough bread to feed all of these people?" Philip answered, "Eight months wages wouldn't buy enough bread for each person to have one little bite!"

Andrew, another one of the disciples, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus told the disciples to bring him the loaves and fish and to tell everyone to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the loaves and fish and looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He then gave the food to the disciples to give to the people.

Was it enough? It was more than enough! The Bible tells us that when everyone had eaten as much as they wanted, he told his disciples to gather up what was left over. I'm sure you know what happened. They gathered up enough food to fill twelve baskets!

Maybe it would be a good idea if more churches today went back to having "All day preaching and dinner on the grounds." It could be a good reminder to us that when we come to Jesus, his blessing is enough. No, it is more than enough.

Heavenly Father, we praise you for your goodness. You give us all that we need and more. We thank you in Jesus' name. Amen.

Weekly Prayer

Prayer brings us closer to God.



July 2

And may the Lord our God
show us his approval and make
our efforts successful. Yes, make
our efforts successful!

Psalm 90:17

Dear Lord, Thank you for guiding
my every step. I am following
your lead. You are so good to me!





From the Office of Adolescent Catechesis & Discipleship:

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER PILGRIMAGE

August 10, 2024 - Niagara Falls, New York

Middle school youth are invited to visit Niagara Falls and the Fatima Shrine, ride the Maid of the Mist, and finish the day with Laser tag and pizza and wings at LASERTRON! This all-day event is open to youth entering grades 6 through 8.

The cost of the trip is \$65 per participant and includes all activities, a t-shirt, and dinner.

Click [here](#) to register your group!

Contact Mary Angela Fisher at 315-470-1402 or mafisher@syrdio.org for more information.

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