

Shepherd's Thoughts (August 4, 2024)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

To begin with our reflections on the readings today, let me quote what Jesus tells us, "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4b). This links us to the message conveyed in the first reading from the Book of Exodus, that narrates how the Israelites grumbled against God and Moses in the desert because of hunger in the wilderness. So, God rained down manna from heaven and our ancestors ate them, as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat" (Ex 16:2-4, 12-15). This portrays to us that God, the Father, as a good provider, expresses His love no matter how stubborn His children are by providing them their daily food and by listening to their plights.

Moreover, the responsorial Psalm itself expresses the same message of hope for the hungry, that "The Lord will give them bread from heaven" (Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54). And He will abundantly provide us with the heavenly food that will sustain us until the end of our earthly journey.

Now, as we take into account the second reading for today, God desires for us to truly live our lives in the spirit of truth and goodness just as we have known Him in Jesus Christ, His Only begotten Son. At the same time, it poses a challenge for us to change anew our thinking not depending on our feelings or senses alone but founded on faith, anchored in the truth, and steered in holiness of life modeled into Christ. "Thus, put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth" (Eph 4:17, 20-24).

Furthermore, in the Gospel of John, Jesus made Himself known to us, as the true bread from heaven, unlike the bread that our forefathers have eaten which only perished, the bread that He gives, will last forever. Jesus also points out to the people that their desires to be with Him depends only to what can satisfy their hunger. Thus, He said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled".

Let this be our longing now, to ask not only for the bread that can satisfy our hunger but for the bread that gives life to the world. Jesus tells us, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life" which He Himself will give us. "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst" (Jn 6:24-35).

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya
Administrator

August 4, 2024

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Aug 3rd, Mass

† Lorraine Charles, † George Sr. & Anna Detampel

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Aug 3rd, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Aug 4th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Aug 4th, Mass

† Evelyn Rasmussen, † Algie Fenendael

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Aug 6th, NO Mass

Wednes, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Aug 7th, NO Mass

Thurs, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, Aug 8th, NO Mass

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Aug 9th, NO Mass

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, Aug 10th, Mass

† Neal Vincent, † Andrew Engebose, Rosemarie Conard

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, Aug 10th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, Aug 11th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, Aug 11th, Mass

† Ron Zellner

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, Aug 13th, Mass

Wednesday 8:00 AM, Brussels, Aug 14th, Mass

Wedn 6:30 PM, Rosiere, Aug 14th, Holy Day

Thursday, 8:00 AM Lincoln Aug 15th, Holy Day

Thursday, 6:00 PM Brussels Aug 15th, Holy Day

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, Aug 16th, Mass

† Paul Knaapen



Sanctuary Light

July 28-Aug 3: In mem. Francis & Lorraine Charles

Aug 4-10: In mem. Donald & Eunice Spitzer

Sacrificial Offerings

July 10-17, 2024: \$1,123.00



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

July 22-28 Sales: \$2925.00

Gross profit: \$138.95

FYTD profit: \$411.79

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at Havel27sm@gmail.com.

SCRIP: Preplan your back-to-school shopping and use some scrip. We stock Fleet Farm, Target, Kohls, & Walmart. We can also special-order cards like TJ Max, Lands End, or Gap (just to name a few). If you'd like to see the full list of available cards, check out RaiseRight.com or ask the scrip seller to see the list.

Father Rex: Father Rex has meetings August 6-9 and there will not be weekday masses during this time.

Liturgical Ministers:

August 3rd, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Sue Havel

Communion Distributors: Wendy Vlies, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

August 4th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Beaurain

Comm Distributors: Mary & Jim Beaurain

Servers: Danny Ducat & Kai Jimenez

August 10th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

August 11th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Cindy Massey

Comm Distributors: Cindy & Dale Massey

Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

Parish News

Father Rex Shepherd Hours in Rosiere: On Thursdays & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

Bishops Appeal 2024: Our goal is \$41,682 and we are at **73%** of our goal due to the generosity of our members who have already donated. Thank you! We truly need everyone's contribution to meet this goal.

Religious Education Coordinator position: A part-time Religious Education Coordinator position has become available for St Peter & St Hubert Parish. Please contact the Parish Office if interested at 920-837-2852. Thank you!

RE Teachers' Meeting: Wednesday, August 7 at 6pm in Rosiere.

Catholic Order of Foresters matching funds:

Thank You all for supporting our recent Pancake/Porkie Breakfast. We have received the matching \$1,500.00 from the COF High Court. Our total donation to the parish from Catholic Foresters was \$3,502.00!! Again, Thank You for all your support! (The door of the Lincoln Chapel was replaced with a portion of the money raised). Officers of Lincoln Court #1550

Kermis Time & Talent: The Time & Talent books and tickets are out in the entrance of church. Thank you to everyone for your help and support!!

Kermis/Sportsman Raffle: Tickets for the Kermis Sportsman Raffle are now available at the Parish Office or before weekend masses at the scrip table.

Kermis/Belgian Pies: Anyone interested in donating Belgian Pies for the Kermis, please call Deb Thayse 920-495-3300 or Char Everard 920-536-0033. Thank you!

Kermis: We are in need of **new/gently used toys, stuffed animals,** etc. for the game area at the Kermis.

Please drop the gifts in the entrance of either church in the box marked toys for picnic.

Interested in Sharing your Talents: We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. Please call the parish office with any questions at 920-837-2852.

Raising Vocations Is Counting on You: A spiritual family needs spiritual leaders. That is why the Raising Vocations Collection is so important. By now, you most likely received a letter from Bishop Ricken requesting your help in supporting young men and women on their faith journey. Please return your contribution to this collection, using the pledge card and return envelope you received in the mail. (This collection is done exclusively by direct mail.) A gift of \$25, \$100, \$250, or more will make a huge difference now – and for the future of our Church. Every gift makes a difference. Friends and followers of Jesus support one another! To make your gift today, visit www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give.

Area News

Casco Fire Dept. Fundraising Event: Community Impact Fundraising Event at Pizza Ranch, 2206 Main St., Green Bay, from 4-8 pm, **Monday, August 12.** Casco Fire Dept. receives 10% of sales & 100% of gratuities in dining room, carry out orders count if mentioning CFD fundraiser at checkout, 50% of take out 8" frozen cookie dough goes to CFD. Any questions, call Debbie Haumschild 920-255-2896.

Belgian Heritage Center Kermis: On Sunday, **August 18 from 11am-4pm.** For more information, go to www.belgianheritagecenter.org

St Therese Salad & Sandwich Supper: Thursday, August 22 at St Joseph-St John in Pilsen sponsored by St Joseph/St John Rosary Society, serving from 5-7pm, Adults - \$8, Ages 10 & under - \$4, under 3 are free.

Gospel Readings for Week of August 4, 2024

Monday, Aug 5: Matthew 14: 13-21 (The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)

Tuesday, Aug 6: Mark 9: 2-10 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

Wednesday, Aug 7: Matthew 15: 21-28 (St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest)

Thursday, Aug 8: Matthew 16: 13-23 (St. Dominic, Priest)

Friday, Aug 9: Matthew 16: 24-28 (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr)

Saturday, Aug 10: John 12: 24-26 (St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr)