



The Week of August 4th, 2024

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact Parish Office for appointment to register.

MASS SCHEDULE

Summer Mass Schedule (June 3 – August 15)

Monday – 5 pm Mass
 Tuesday – Noon Mass
 Wednesday – 8 am Mass
 Thursday – 5 pm Mass
 Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Must be active, registered member of parish. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made by contacting the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Must be active, registered member of parish family.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Notify Parish Office of parishioners experiencing serious illness, injury, or hospitalization. Communal Anointing of the Sick is celebrated annually in the Fall.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment, please email Fr. Marc
 3-4 PM Saturday at Church

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WEATHER POLICY

If Bay City Public Schools or AACCS close due to inclement weather, daytime (8:00 AM –4:00 PM), parish activities are canceled. Cancellation of evening activities will be announced by 3:00 PM. Closures will be posted on TV: NBC 25, ABC 12, CBS 5.

Week of August 5th, 2024

**Please note summer Mass Schedule*

MONDAY 5 pm Mass
407: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102 Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY Noon Mass
614: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

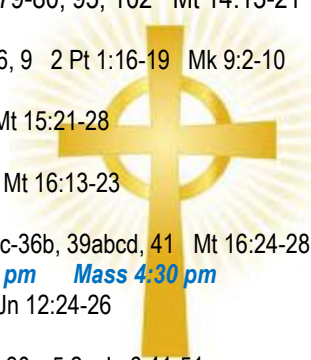
WEDNESDAY 8 am Mass
409: Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Mt 15:21-28

THURSDAY 5 pm Mass
410: Jer 31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY
411: Na 2:1, 3;1-2, 6-7 (Ps)Dt 32:35c-36b, 39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28

SATURDAY Confessions 3-4 pm Mass 4:30 pm
618: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-9 Jn 12:24-26

SUNDAY Mass 9:30 am
116: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

August 6th – Parish Picnic Committee Meeting
Food Pantry Weekend
Sunday August 11th - Baptism

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Target: \$11,153.84 **Offering:** \$9,137
Food Pantry: \$50 **Diocesan Collections:** \$1563
[Children's Good Deeds](#)
...No children's envelopes...

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On behalf of AACCS I want to express our profound gratitude for the Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes Knights of Columbus generous donation of \$10,000 towards our mission to empower each student along their academic journey.

As a brother knight, I am gracious for the donation to the school in support of a Catholic education. Following the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, this charity is an amazing display of what the Body of Christ is capable of when we come together in shaping the future of our church. Father McGivney, pray for us.

...God Bless ...

EDUCATION / FORMATION

Family Talk Time: Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families, by Sara McGinnis Lee

At every Mass, we pray the Our Father. We ask God to "give us this day our daily bread." Is this only about food? What else do we need every day? In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the Bread of Life. He is not just bread for today, but for life. What could that mean for us?



Reflecting on the Word:

When we receive Christ in the Eucharist, we are strengthened by his life inside us. In today's Gospel, the people are searching for Jesus and are wanting

to see signs confirming that Jesus is the one sent by God. Jesus tells the people that he is the bread sent by God. If they believe and follow Jesus, they will never be hungry again. For what do you hunger? How does the Eucharist we receive at Mass feed you throughout the week?

Living the Word:

Jesus tells the people that he is the Bread of Life. The people in the Gospel followed him because they thought he could give them the bread they needed to fill their stomachs; they did not understand that he would provide nourishment for their spiritual hunger. Discuss how Jesus satisfies the hungers of our hearts, and how we could not survive if we do not remain with him. Pray the Our Father as a family. Make a prayer card with the words "Give us this day our daily bread."

Food Pantry Needs...

Here is our list for the food pantry, with kids home from school a lot of our families are facing a higher food need. Please help us meet that need!

Mac & Cheese Peanut Butter/Jelly Canned Pasta
Tuna/Hamburger Helper Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
Mashed Potatoes Pasta Sides Boxed Cereal
Shampoo Bar Soap Tissues Paper Towels
Dish Soap Laundry Detergent "Treats"

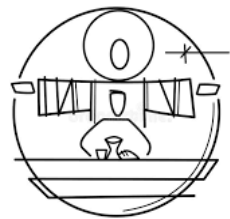
"In this country that grows more food than any other nation on earth, it is unthinkable that any child should go hungry" ...Sela Ward





Father Marc's Minutes...

The Eucharistic Retreat Continues



The next several weeks we will continue to reflect on the Eucharist and the bread of life. Jesus will continue to fulfill Old Testament passages describing God providing for His people. Last week Elisha the prophet worked a miracle for a large crowd. This week we go back to the book of Exodus and hear about some grumbling by the Israelites. The Lord

sends manna and quail to sustain the Israelites in the desert. The Lord provides for their needs and sends bread from heaven. This manna, or bread from heaven, foreshadows the Eucharist. The gospel passage continues to be from the sixth chapter of John's gospel. The gospel of John does not have the institution narrative at the Last Supper like the other gospels. Instead, Jesus lays out his Eucharistic theology in this chapter. Jesus tells the crowds why they are looking for him. They are looking for Jesus because they ate the loaves and were satisfied. They recognized that Jesus fulfilled their hunger both physically and spiritually. He uses this as an opportunity to encourage the crowd to pursue godly works and a virtuous life instead of working only for temporary gain and pleasures. Jesus then says that the work of God is to believe in the one he sent, namely Jesus Christ. Then Jesus says the Eucharist is the sign that God gives so that we may believe in Jesus Christ.

The Olympic Opening Ceremony

I am sure many of you have heard about a particular segment of the opening ceremony of the Olympics. I see people writing articles, blurbs, homilies, and making videos about the imagery and intention behind the scenes. I see people who say that it was a direct mockery of the Last Supper scene and thereby a shot at Christianity. I see others who say that the scene had nothing to do with Christianity but instead was a reference to a pagan scene like "Bacala Banquet." I want to address it and say that the depiction, whichever one was truly intended, was misguided for one reason or another. I do not say this to condemn the actors in this scene or the Olympic committee itself, but instead to show how this holds up to our faith and then what we can do about it. One theory is that the scene was meant to reference Bacchus, the Latin version of the god Dionysus. He was portrayed by the man

who was painted blue. Dionysus is the god of the harvest, intoxication, ecstasy and sexual promiscuity. In the lore his parties were extremely wild and filled with debauchery. He was never a part of the lore of the Olympic games before. So, the scene promotes a lack of self-control and hedonism. These things are not the Christian mindset. We are called to self-control, self-denial, and temperance in all things. Does this mean the Christian cannot have joy? The Christian still has deep joy amid the call to conversion. Another theory is that this scene was intentionally set to mimic the famous painting of the Last Supper of Jesus by Leonardi DaVinci. I do find it interesting that the person in the middle of the table has a halo design which you see in religious artwork depicting saints. Also, some of the actors in the scene are drag queens. The world knows that this lifestyle is not supported by scripture or the teachings of the Catholic church. These ingredients can make it look like a mockery or at least a statement against Church teaching on human sexuality and the Christian faith. The Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist is the beating heart of our Catholic and Christian faith. In either case, the undercurrent is not good and not aimed at holiness. Both ideas endorse hedonism and fulfillment through feeding all desires regardless of circumstance. I thought the Olympics are about strength, determination, physical excellence, and unity. The endorsement of pagan deities and sexual "liberation" seems to fly in the face of these values. I think we need to also be realistic and say that it is no accident. The culture and world are anti-Christian. These pagan deities are not just innocent totems, but scripture calls them demons and false gods. There is a spiritual battle going on now. I do not know whether the organizers intentionally mocked the Christian faith and the Last Supper. But I do know that this is a rallying cry for all of us to pursue holiness. Let us use this opportunity to strengthen our commitment to the Eucharist and our Catholic faith. Let us also defend our faith to family and friends. Let us stand firm in our faith in public life and discourse. Let us fast for our conversion and the conversion of the world.

Thank you

I want to take a moment and thank everyone for their generosity with the Mission Co-Op Appeal. You were so welcoming and kind to the missionary and I know he appreciates all the support for the mission. The order is receiving just about \$1,500. I also want to thank everyone for your support this weekend by your attendance at the installation this weekend and your prayers.

Save the Date!

We have a date set for the Parish Picnic! As always it will be held on the Sunday after Labor Day, September 8th from 12-3:30 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We have lots of fun, food and festivities planned along with the **return of the Knights of Columbus soccer challenge!** Also, we will be accepting donations of items for door prizes and bingo prizes. Please drop off any items you would like to donate to the picnic at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 – noon



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	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
COLUMBARIUM		
Single (1 Urn)	\$1,100	\$1,600
Double (2 Urns)	\$1,500	\$1,850
Inurnment	\$ 250 per niche	\$ 350 per niche
CEMETERY		
Plot	\$ 600	\$1,300
Burial	\$ 750	\$ 900
Burial of Cremains	\$ 250	\$ 275
Saturday Burial	\$ 250 additional	\$ 250 additional
Foundation	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch	\$ 0.40 per sq. inch