

Bulletin – Parish News

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July 31, 2011. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Important diplomatic activity is usually sealed with a banquet. A festive meal together or a joyous picnic is a symbol of human togetherness in love and happiness. What a salesman does when he stops on the road to eat lunch is entirely different from participating in a thanksgiving banquet. Parties, eating and drinking together, play an important role in our society and signify beautiful values. In Biblical times it was the same. Hence the Bible repeatedly evokes the banquet symbol to describe God's love and humankind's relationship of love with him. The writers of the Bible were fully aware that human beings do not have the concepts and terminology to describe adequately who God is and what he does to us by adopting us his children, or how all of this will be fully accomplished in the hereafter. So they utilized the banquet symbol as an apt sign to indicate the lines along which we should think when we meditate on God and what he has in store for those who love him.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

- Are there aspects of your life that are in control of you?
- How is your free will compromised by these factors?
- Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ?
- Name three ways you practice good stewardship of your health. (If you cannot name three, time to begin!)
- Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them... to the crowds.
- How many ways do you find to share the abundance you receive at the table of our Eucharist?
- At this time in your life, what is your deepest thirst?
- What obstacles to love do you seem to face that Christ can remove?
- At this time in your life, what is your deepest hunger?
- Question of the week: What role does hospitality play in your faith? In your life?

Faith Response

Our God is the Lord of everything and nothing, able to meet our every need and allowing no obstacle to the divine love. Make an offering in thanksgiving for what God has given you with a grateful, open heart.

HOLY MASSES

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9:00AM Holy Mass for + Anna Hudak and Josephine and Anthony Regula req. by Kaiser family.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za śp. Roberta Zielińskiego i Barbarę Wiśniewska zam. Ela i Wojciech Kołakowscy.

August 07, 2011. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Food for the hungry - Scripture note

In the miracle of the loaves and fishes, we cannot get back to what actually happened. But we can see what it meant to Matthew and his readers. For them the miracle recalled the Old Testament story of manna in the desert. Jesus is the new Moses who feeds his people in the desert. In this feeding they saw an anticipation of the Eucharist. The gestures and words used are those of the Last Supper, and of the Eucharist: "He took the bread... blessed it... broke it... and gave it to them." The Eucharist in turn anticipates the final banquet of the Kingdom.

Reflection - Feeding the hungry.

The multiplication of the loaves happens in our fields every year between sowing and harvest time. Like the miracle of Jesus, this miracle too is brought about by the power of God. And just as Jesus needed the hands of the apostles to distribute the bread to the people, so God now needs human hands to make this abundance available to the hungry. In some countries today the problem is over-eating. In other countries the problem is getting anything to eat at all. Today we don't need anyone to multiply the loaves for us. The food is there. What is not always there is the will to share it.

Let us pray: Our hearts are filled with old hurts, fears, unmet needs, and selfishness. Take away these barriers to love, one by one, so that nothing clouds our view of the overwhelming passion between you and your creatures. It is for love we were created, and out of love that we are saved. AMEN!

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Marian Sowa, Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, Jean Manowiecki, Bp. Anthony Rysz, Bp. John Swantek, Fr. Senior Eugeniusz Stelmach, Julia Paluszek, Theodore Ciulac, Catherin Zglobicki, Catherin & Frank Kusniesz, Wanda and Andrew Closterman, and all in need of our prayers.

Sacrament of Baptism: Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangement should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

Emergencies, Sickness and Death should be reported to the rectory office immediately.

Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor after Mass, please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.