

# Disciples of the Mission



August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

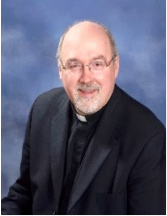
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4,12-15

Ps 78:3-4,23-24,25,54

Eph 4:17,20-24

Jn 6:24-35



## A Message from the Pastor,

“What do I truly hunger for?”

Many of us have one eye turned towards the sky looking for much needed rain for our crops and gardens. (And yes, even for our lawns for those who do not mind mowing.) Our readings this Sunday talk about a different kind of rain. Our Lord said I will rain down

“Bread” from heaven.

Both rains are important, both help satisfy a type of hunger. The first type of rain helps supply the food we need to satisfy our “physical hunger.” The second, the grace strength and nourishment we need for our “spiritual lives.” The first is for immediate and temporary need; the second can come at any time, (even today) and is eternal.

We can hunger for many different things in life. For instance, we can hunger for love and acceptance. We can hunger for security through material wealth. We can hunger for power or popularity. We can even hunger for the newest electronic gadgets that are on the market.

In last week’s gospel the people are hungry and Jesus miraculously feeds the 5,000. The people are so impressed with the miracle that they want to make Him King. But in this week’s gospel, Jesus is basically saying, hey wait a minute here. You are kind of missing the point of these miracles. Yes I can perform miracles to satisfy your every need. I can provide you with food, security, even the latest electronic gadgets.

But there is something much, much greater going on here - something much more important—something much more enduring. And so Jesus says, “Do not work for food that perishes,” “but work for food that endures to eternal life.”

The question we should ask ourselves today is, “What do I truly hunger for?” Do I hunger for the things of this world, - the gadgets and material things? Or do I truly hunger for heaven and the bread of life, the kind of food that endures? Let us whet our appetite for the latter through our prayers, reflections, and desires for a food that does not perish, but can endure for eternal life.

May God Bless you all!

Fr. LeRoy



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[www.olls.org](http://www.olls.org)

## Mass Times and Intentions

### Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>:

8:30 am Sacred Heart, Urbank †† John & Mayme Chermak

### Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>:

NO MASS Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville

9:00 am St James, Maine † Gladys Gordon

### Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 am St Ann, Brandon Members of Akin Family

8:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Betty Cook

### Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>:

8:30 am St William, Parkers Prairie Sp Int Wayne Jr & Carol Traver Family

8:30 am St Edward, Henning † Ron Skudlarek

### Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>:

4:00 pm St Ann, Brandon † Mary Klimek

4:00 pm St Edward, Henning Special Int of Laura Cichy

7:30 pm Sacred Heart, Urbank † Shirley Suchy

### Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>: 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am St William, Parkers Prairie † Seth Kellen

8:30 am St James, Maine People of the Parishes

10:30 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake † Michael Schnepf

10:30 am Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Millerville People of the Parishes

## Confession

**Tues:** 8:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank  
6:30 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

**Wed:** 9:30 am St James, Maine

**Thurs:** 8:00 am St Ann, Brandon  
8:00 am Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

**Fri:** 8:00 am St William, Parkers Prairie  
8:00 am St Edward, Henning

**Sat:** 3:00 pm St Ann, Brandon  
3:30 pm St Edward, Henning

**Sun:** 8:00 am St James, Maine



## Adoration

**Tues:** 8:00 - 9:00 am Sacred Heart, Urbank

**Wed:** 8:00 - 9:00 pm St James, Maine

**Thurs:** 9:00 - 10:00 am St Ann, Brandon  
9:00 - 5:00 pm Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake

**Fri:** 9:00 - 10:00 am St Williams, Parkers Prairie  
9:00 - 3:00 pm St Edward, Henning



## Live Stream Links

Masses are being automatically streamed on YouTube. Search YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) for the name of your parish's Channel.

Search for any or all of the following YouTube Channels:

Saint James Underwood MN  
Our Lady of the Lake, Battle Lake MN  
Saint Edwards, Henning MN

Once you have located the channel, simply SUBSCRIBE to it.

## Prayer List



**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Jenn Hinrichs, Kayla Benzinger, Gail Klein, Levi Koep, Kathy Stratton, Chris Pfeffer, Carla Bettin, Mary Waldorf, Peg Lorsung, Rhonda Tuey, Cletus Bitzan, Theresa Lehn, Bev Dickey, Roger Klimek,

Kimberley Mickelson, Ryan Carlson, Delores Fredrickson, the family of Neil Baker, Karen Otto, Darcy Frank, Bernadine Schiele, Angela Gilles, Jim Stenger, Einer Jensen, Paul Suchy, Therese Peterson, Pat Carroll, Dennis Hockert, Tony Chermak, Nancy Benzinger, Joslyn, Clarey Dorn, Ione Hanson, Savanna Sheppard, Dennis Fagerstrom, Bonnie Melville, Jeffery Gerst, Alayna Roers, Janine Roers, Patsy Shea, LaVerne Shea, Diane Hjelle and the families affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Please Pray for a Priest or Seminarian each day in August**

2-Rev Glenn Krystosek

3-Rev Aaron Kuhn

4-Rev Peter VanderWeyst

5-Rev Omar Guanchez-Rivas

6-Rev Matthew Kuhn

7-Rev Scott Pogatchnik

8-Rev Michael Wolfbauer

## Sacramental Preparation

**Baptism:** Parents are required to take a Baptism Class before their first child is Baptized. **St Ann, Seven**

**Dolors, Sacred Heart, St William:** Contact Rose Suchy at 320-766-5312 to set up a time.

**Wedding:** Contact Fr. LeRoy or Fr. Peter at least 6 months before wedding.

**RCIA:** Please contact Fr. LeRoy or Fr. Peter if interested in becoming Catholic.

## Religious Education

**If you have a child going into 1st grade, please contact your parish secretary.**

**SH,SD,SW,SA** Be on the look out for the registrations. They will be sent out via email/mail. Please fill out completely and return to the church office or drop in collection basket by August 6th.

## Ann's House

**Ann's House Activities:**

Mondays there will be men's coffee time at 7:00 a.m. and women's coffee time at 9:30 a.m.

Come and enjoy some socializing. There will be discussion on what you would like to see offered at Ann's House.

## Disciples of the Mission Parish Life Events

**Our Lady of Seven Dolors:** Please keep Vera Thoennes and her family in your prayers. She passed away and her funeral will be on August 4th at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Seven Dolors. Blessed be her memory.

**Our Lady of the Lake:** COVID COMEBACK Online Auction is coming! Let's raise funds and have fun! Please think of quality items or services you could donate to the Church that would be of interest to others in our community. Pledge your kayak, bike, art work, laptop, home cooked meal or anything else. A sign-up sheet for your donated items can be found in the Narthex. Do not bring your item to church at this time. The Auction is scheduled for August 11-24. For more information contact Stephanie Christianson, Grace Girard, Bob Englehart or Tim Cushing. More to come...



**St. Edward:** Plan to come for some good food and fellowship at our Monthly Potluck Supper which will be held on Saturday, August 7th after the 4:00 pm Mass. Please bring a dish to share.

**St Williams:** Hamburger Stand, at the Parkers Prairie City Park, will be open on Saturday, August 7th from 11 am to midnight, and on Sunday, August 8th from noon to 6 pm. Come out and support our church and enjoy a Catholic burger.



**St Jude's 2021 Quilt Raffle:** Queen size quilt 90" x 100". Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold! They are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Call 320-815-8102 if interested in purchasing tickets. The drawing will be held on Sept. 19th at St. Ann's Fall Bazaar in Brandon MN.



**Our Lady of Seven Dolors:** A BIG thank you to all who volunteered your time to make your bazaar a great success. Raffle prizes were donated by Julie Boesl, Mark/Rebecca Boesl, JB Tractor, Doug/Deb, Brett/Kayla Grinager with Panther Distillery, Midwest Machinery. Thanks to Jackpine & the Mechanic, Millerville Community Club, Millerville Creamery, Bitzan Machine, Schaffer Machine, Millerville Liquor, Millerville Sportsmen, Knotty Pine, JC's Grocery, Douglas Co. Pork Producers, Joe's Gas & Deli, Wagner Resort, Wayne/Linda and parishioners who gave cash donations or silent auction items.

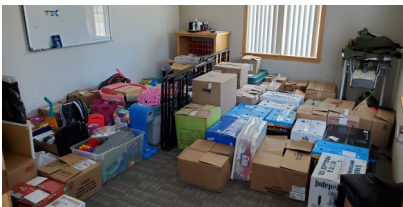
**Our Lady of the Lake:** We are looking for volunteers to run the projection during Sunday Mass. Minimal technical experience is required. If you can text, you can do this! If you are interested in assisting with this new ministry, contact Judi Cushing at 650-255-2094 or ourladybattlelakemn@gmail.com

## Disciples of the Mission

**St. Edward:** Our First Friday Adoration will be held on August 6th beginning at 9 am until 3 PM with Benediction. Can you spend some quiet time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? There is a sign up sheet next to the Parish Office to select an hour during the day. There needs to be at least two people present during Adoration in case an emergency arises and one person needs to leave.

**The G K Chesterton Knight of Columbus Council** installed new leadership at its July 13th meeting. Dan Schaffer was installed as Grand Knight and Tom Kratzke was installed as deputy grand knight to lead the council for the next two years. Also at the July meeting the council approved the expenditure of \$400 for local charities. The council also donated \$200 to the Douglas County MCCL chapter to help in the local pro-life effort. There will be an Ocktoberfest dinner at Sacred Heart parish Hall on Sunday, October 11! Men, if you want to make a greater difference for your Church, family and community join the Chesterton Council and become a Knight! To find out more call Jim Korkowski at 320-219-7470.

**Knights of Columbus Pro-lifers** - see below and sign up for staffing the MCCL pro-life Fair Booth at the Douglas County Fair. Booth will be staffed from August 18-21. Here's the link to use to sign up: [www.alexandriaforlife.org](http://www.alexandriaforlife.org) Click on the link. Then click on the "view and sign up" link on the page. If you have additional questions, you can call Nevin Smith at 320-491-6654 and he will sign you up.



While nine parishioners from St. Edward Church took a trip to St. Mary's Mission in Red Lake this past week; it is evident that many people have been providing dona-

tions. Two of our classrooms were nearly full of clothing, shoes, linens and other useful items for St Mary's Thrift Store, as well as the school. They were delivered on Monday by our missionaries. Financial donations have helped to cover some of the costs associated with the team's expenses, delivery of the donations, and money to buy three cases of copy paper which was specifically requested by the school. Donations of all types have come from many people, both here at St Edwards and also across the entire Area Catholic Community. The spiritual offerings of prayers for the group's trip and the humble generosity of all the practical donations should be heartwarming to all ACC parishioners. Moments like this remind us that we truly are a Christian community.



## Announcements

### Stewardship as a Way of Life:

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." — Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego lead to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us to distinguish our "wants" from our "needs." Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Please support our diocese's mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like vocations and parish faith formation, and is not used for any other purpose. Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### PRAYER FOR RAIN

From Catholic Rural Life - Rural Life Prayer Book

Almighty God, we are in need of rain. We realize now, looking up into the sky, what a marvel even the least drop of rain really is. To think that so much water can really fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear! We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs. But You want us to ask you anyway, to show You that we know we are dependent on you. Look to our dry hills and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain. Then the land will rejoice and rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be made glad. Amen.



## God's Share - Financials

	7/25/2021	Weekly Budget
<i>thank you!</i>		
<b>Our Lady of the Lake</b>	\$3,365.31	\$3,695.90
<b>St Ann</b>	\$2,427.00	\$2,130.00
<b>Seven Dolors</b>	\$2,683.30	\$2,850.00
<b>St Edward</b>	\$2,053.50	\$2,650.00
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	\$1,029.00	\$1,845.00
<b>St James</b>	\$2,375.00	\$1,648.00
<b>St William</b>	\$1,746.18	\$1,780.00

## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B

**Sunday, August 1, 2021**

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

A song of praise to God for his deeds to Israel.

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Christians become a new creation in Christ.

**Gospel Reading:** John 6:24-35

Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

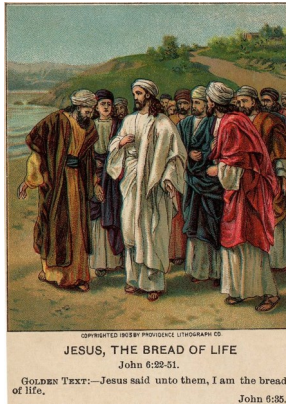
### Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we continue to read from the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel, but not continuously. Our Lectionary omits John’s report of Jesus’ walking on water. This event is reported much less dramatically in John’s Gospel than in the Synoptic Gospels. After the feeding of the multitudes, the disciples leave in a boat and Jesus follows them. The disciples are said to be terrified by what they see. Jesus reassures them and re-joins them. In today’s Gospel, we learn that the crowd has noticed the departure of Jesus and his disciples and so seeks them out in Capernaum. In the dialogue that follows between Jesus and the crowds, Jesus unfolds for us the gift of himself that he gives in the Eucharist. In today’s Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus’ true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors’ needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd’s blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John’s Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as “I am,” as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.



## Daily Readings

**Monday, August 2**

*Weekday*

Nm 11:4b-15

Ps 81:12-13,14-15,16-17

Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday, August 3**

*Weekday*

Nm 12:1-13

Ps 51:3-4,5-6ab,6cd-7,12-13

Mt 14:22-36

**Wednesday, August 4**

*Saint John Vianney, Priest*

Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,

26a-29a,34-35

Ps 106:6-7ab,13-14,21-22,23

Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday, August 5**

*Weekday*

Nm 20:1-13

Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9

Mt 16:13-23

**Friday, August 6**

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Dn 7:9-10,13-14

Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mk 9:2-10

**Saturday, August 7**

*Weekday*

Dt 6:4-13

Ps 18:2-3a,3bc,4,47 & 51

Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday, August 8**

*19th Sunday of Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Ps 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

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4. Enter zip code **56515**, that will bring up **Our Lady of the Lake**, click on that parish
5. Click **Next**
6. Enter your name and email address – and you are in!



**Pope Francis August Prayer Intention: The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**A Vocation View:** “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.” With these words, St Augustine recognizes that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness.