



"The hand of the Lord feeds us," says the psalmist; "he answers all our needs." Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Psalm 145

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OF THE WORD

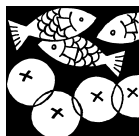


Sunday	Readings for the Week of July 26, 2009 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
Monday	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday	Saint Martha Ex 34:29-35; Ps 34; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday	Saint Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84; Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Daily readings: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/index.htm>

Keyboardist Search

The relocation of the Barry Guillory family to England leaves a void in our parish community. The **Music Ministry** shares this void deeply as Barry served as the **keyboardist for the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. At this time, we are beginning a keyboard player search for this service. **If you have talent in this area, we invite you to consider sharing it with our Parish family.** For more information, please call Kay Jones at 297-5147 or Mike Caserta at 297-6054.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Today we begin a five-week break from the Gospel of Mark and embark upon a reading of the **Bread of Life Discourse from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John**. Matthew, Mark, and Luke—our more narrative evangelists—all have their own years in the liturgical cycle, years in which their particular Gospels are read, especially in Ordinary Time. John's Gospel, a more theological writing, does not have a year of its own but is read frequently and periodically during all three cycles, usually in the major seasons and especially during the Easter season. Because Mark's Gospel is relatively brief, we have an opportunity to visit this important chapter in John every three years during these five summer Sundays.

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Masses For The Week

JULY 28 THROUGH AUG 2

TUESDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Doris Perryman †Anita Hernandez
WEDNESDAY	8:30 A.M.	Stephen Dankowsky †Angel Rodriguez
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	†Jonnie Louise & Jack Parker
FRIDAY	8:30 A.M.	†Tony Jaris Pres Obama & VP Biden
SATURDAY	5:30 P.M.	Sherry Aaron †Helen & Louis Bauml
SUNDAY	8:00 A.M.	†Donald & Remedios Young †Jose Estrada Jennifer Schimpf
	9:30 A.M.	†Darcy Pawelka †Bob Rogido
	11:00 A.M.	Sandra Bengé & John Bengé

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
 †**Jon Custer**, husband of Carol.
 †**James Seidler**, father of Theresa Beach (Gary), Shuria Thompson (Larry), Maria Atkins (Oron), Pryntha DuBois (Kenny) and Tim Seidler (Sherril).
 †**Dorothy Moore**, mother of Terri Kruppa (Marcus), grandmother of Emily Kruppa Tucker and Michael Kruppa.

Names submitted for the prayer list will remain in the bulletin for one month. **Please call the parish office to submit a name to be listed in the bulletin** or to request a name be listed for an additional period of time.

Sherry Aaron, Kenneth Blanchard, Cathy & John Buettner, Mary Cerda, Kellie Chaney, Tom Elder, Bevelyn Granger, Arthur Haas, Gene Kanski, Judy Pacella, Tiffany Lynn Sanchez, and Tommy Tomlinson.

ADORATION CHAPEL: There is a need for someone to share an Adoration Chapel hour on **Thursdays** from **7:00—8:00 p.m.** Call Arlene Becker at 798-8388.

Quote on the Priesthood by St. John Vianney:

"Were we to fully realize what a priest is on earth, we would die: not of fright, but of love... Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of his goods ... Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest, and they will end by worshiping the beasts there ... The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you."

Welcome Back!

The Holy Spirit was with our Missionaries as they journeyed to San Juan for a week of teaching Vacation Bible School and working on homes. Come join **St. Michael's Youth on a Mission 2009** for a **Welcome Back Celebration** hosted by the K of C. The Missionaries of St. Michael's would like to thank you for your fervent prayer and support for this year's **Youth on a Mission 2009**. Please join us **after the 11:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, July 26th** for some food, fun, and fellowship as our missionaries share their mission experiences with our parish family. Please call Kathy in the Youth Office at 297-3043 with any questions. **We want to thank the Knights of Columbus** for preparing the food for this celebration!

UNDERSTANDING AND PRAYING THE ROSARY

Fr. Callistus Isara will give a talk **SUNDAY, Aug. 2nd** in the Family Life Center beginning at **7:00pm**. Father will speak on **"Understanding and Praying the Rosary"**. The rosary is a simple but very rich prayer in the Church. Fr. Isara will show us that as we pray the Rosary we can learn to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ, who is the center of this simple prayer. We will come to see that this is a spiritual journey with Mary focusing on the mysteries of our salvation in Jesus Christ. While praying the rosary, we should feel a union with Mary in contemplating her Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Please plan for you and your family to attend this event. Nursery will be provided for Children up to 3 years of age.



SAFETY ALERT: Please watch your step! With the ongoing drought situation in our area, we are seeing significant problems with uneven sidewalks

and driveways. The lack of water in the soil is causing elevation changes for our concrete walkways and driveways. **The result can be an uneven walking surface**, here at St. Michael's and everywhere else in town. **PLEASE BE VERY AWARE when you are walking outside to avoid tripping and falling.**

Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass

The **2009 Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass** honoring couples celebrating **Golden (50th)** and **Silver (25th) Anniversaries of marriage in the Catholic Church in 1959 or 1984** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th**

at **3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart**. **Daniel Cardinal DiNardo** will be the preside. Whether or not a couple attends the ceremony, they are eligible to receive a special certificate signed by the Cardinal. **A couple wishing to participate is asked to contact Lynne** at the Parish Office at 297-3041 (lynne@smlj.org) and register their names, address, daytime phone number, wedding date and the name and location of the Catholic Church where they were married. **Deadline for registering is August 14th**. Those registered receive a letter from the Archdiocese with information about the Mass and an RSVP.



TAKE NOTE:

Covered Dish Dinner!



Come and Enjoy - all parish families are invited. The St. Michael's team representing **Men's retreats at Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston**, invite **all parish men and their families** to a covered dish dinner featuring **Fr. Joe Moons, C.P.**, Director of the Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston. Fr. Joe will show you how a **weekend retreat can:**

- ◆ **Relax** you from the stress of work or other worries.
 - ◆ **Reward** you spiritually.
 - ◆ Make you a **better** husband, father, and Christian.
- Monday, Aug 10, 2009, 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Angelina Room** A-F bring meat or casserole, G-N bring salad or vegetable, O-Z bring dessert. For more in-

- ◆ **Annual MINISTRY AWARENESS WEEKEND** will be held **August 15th & 16th**. This is a great opportunity for members of our parish family to investigate the NUMEROUS opportunities to get involved in ministry at St. Michael's. Please join us in the **Hall of the Family Life Center after all Masses** that weekend, have a donut, cookies, and something to drink, and visit the tables to see what's happening.
- ◆ The next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on **Sunday, August 23rd from 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM** in the **hall of the Family Life Center**. No appointment is necessary!
- ◆ **Ladies CRHP retreat on Sept 12th - 13th**
- ◆ **From Grief to Growth - A Healing Journey** is help for those who are suffering the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. **Next session is Aug 12th through Nov 11th.**



Who is a Priest?

Victoria M. Thorn

Have you registered your child for Religious Education Classes & Youth Ministry? August 1st is the DEADLINE for 2009 - 2010 registration for CCE and Youth Ministry. **Late fees (\$10.00 additional) apply after August 1st, so register today!**

Sacrament Preparation: Do not forget to register your child in Religious Education Classes. The Sacrament Preparation Program is a 2 year program! If your child is entering 1st Grade this fall, that child needs to be attending 1st Grade Religious Education Classes. **Register now, classes are filling up!**

Do you have a 2nd Grade Student registered at Our Lady Queen of Peace? If you wish to prepare your 2nd Grade Student for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, you will need to register in our religious education program. Please call or stop by the office, Tuesday – Friday, 9am-3pm.

Help Needed: The CCE Office & Youth Ministry Office need teachers and aides. We need volunteers for all grade levels on Wednesday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. Don't forget all volunteers are required to take the "Protecting God's Children Workshop." Call 297-3043, the Religious Education/Youth Ministry Office for more information.

The next "Protecting God's Children Workshop" will be on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:15pm in the Hall. This workshop is required by the Archdiocese for anyone who works with youth at St. Michael's. Any interested adult may attend. **You are required to pre-register.** Go to www.virtusonline.org to register on-line.

A priest is a man, clothed in tenderness, who speaks of God's mercy, who prophetically pronounces the truth, unpleasant though it might be and who reflects God's love to a hurting world. Sometimes he is shoring up souls and sometimes he is breaking up concrete. He's comforting the grieving and challenging the young. He's soothing the dying and blessing the newborn. In the 25 years since I founded Project Rachel, the post-abortion healing ministry of the Church, I have witnessed firsthand the gift that priests are to the world. I have seen the heart of the priest repeatedly. It is generous, compassionate, willing to sacrifice for others.

At the inception of Project Rachel, when some thought post-abortion ministry was a hare-brained idea, the priests here in Milwaukee supported it as did my bishop. As I was planning the training, one priest told me not to be disappointed because he didn't think any priests were going to come, but 60 priests came and generously embraced this new ministry of mercy. And 25 years later, those priests are still involved in the work. If there is anything I need, they are immediately willing to help. Across the country many priests actively keep me and the ministry in prayer, recognizing that prayer is powerful and protective. Several times I have received calls on our referral line from elderly women somewhere in the U.S. looking to reconcile an abortion loss from 40 or 50 years ago. They have said to me "I can't ask my children to take me to confession because they will say "Ma, you are old. What could you possibly need to confess?" And in every case, I was able to find a priest who would make a house call to ease the fears of an old woman preparing to die. A priest who was preparing to leave the priesthood received a Project Rachel call the night before submitting his resignation to the bishop. But as he spoke with the woman, he knew he couldn't leave the priesthood until he had seen this process through with her. When he finished it, he tore up the letter because, he said, he had rediscovered the meaning of his priesthood in this sacramental encounter that set the woman free. A delayed vocation seminarian I met through a God appointment asked me what the most difficult part of my ministry was and I responded "raising money." This former businessman supported my ministry for several years while divesting himself of his earthly riches before ordination. How many lives were touched because of his incredible generosity? It was the pastoral awareness of the bishops of this country, who, as confessors, recognized the pain of women who had had abortions, and called for a ministry of post-abortion healing in the first Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, issued shortly after abortion became the law of the land.

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Monthly Articles by renowned women of faith about priests will be available from USCCB throughout the **Year for Priests**

Who is a Priest?... CONTINUED ... And it is this pastoral heart that motivated bishops to personally call me after the founding of the ministry to ask how they could make it happen in their diocese. A woman who had been convinced by her doctor to abort a child with severe anomalies called me after the hospital had released her dead baby to her, as she and her husband were grieving profoundly over this loss. The hospital had referred her to a chaplain, but he had been of little use, refusing to help them bury their child. I called an experienced Project Rachel priest and explained the circumstances to him. He was a canon lawyer with years of post-abortion experience. He went to the family, held them as they wept, gave their child a proper burial and soothed the wounds left by the insensitive chaplain, keeping them in the Church. She called to tell me what a gift he had been to them as he came into my office to thank me for the opportunity to minister to them. A woman will often call after speaking to a priest she has been referred to, to tell me of her profound experience of God's love and mercy brought to her through the priest. She will say "Please tell the priests how grateful we are to them for what they have said and been ... the mercy and love of God made manifest, the wisdom of the Spirit speaking to our souls, indeed Father was Jesus with skin for me! Alter Christus made manifest!" To the many Project Rachel priests in the this country and to the multitudes of confessors who soothe a woman's terror, confront her despair, set her free of her sin and bring her home to the Lord and her lost children: Thank you from the depths of my heart. Without you, this ministry of Project Rachel would not exist! And on behalf of the multitudes of people who have touched: THANK YOU! You change the world, one heart and soul at a time.

Submitted by Vicki Thorn, the founder of Project Rachel Post-Abortion Ministry. She is also the founder and ongoing director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing based in Milwaukee. Mrs. Thorn is an internationally renowned author and speaker on healing and reconciliation in the aftermath of abortion.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:42-44

Much from Little

Almost any Christian can tell you the story of Jesus' miracle of the loaves. But very few can tell you the story of Elisha's miracle of the loaves. Elisha was one of the first prophets to appear in the Bible. The Second Book of Kings records a series of ten legends about Elisha's power. One of them concerns bread. In this story, a man travels a distance to bring the prophet a gift of twenty barley loaves and fresh grain. Elisha told him to give it to the people. The man objected that there would not be enough for one hundred people. Elisha told him to give it anyway. There was enough. And there was bread left over. When John tells the story of Jesus' miracle of the loaves, he includes some details that remind us of this story. The loaves were made of barley. And after everyone had eaten, there was bread left over. When Jesus' story reminds us of Elisha's story, we realize that the same God has been at work all along, choosing prophets to speak the divine word, and providing food for body and spirit in abundance. **If what you have to give is only a little, God can use it to do a lot.**

Ephesians 4:1-6

Not Getting Along

Fighting can become the status quo. When kids fight at school, someone tries to break it up, but in the end we know they're just kids. Fighting is what kids do. During an election year the mudslinging can get intense. There will be a few calls for civility, but most of us shrug our shoulders. There's nothing we can do. Fighting is what candidates do. Teens and their parents, parents and teachers, contributors to blogs, sometimes even pastors and council members—some groups seem to disagree by their nature. It isn't right, but fighting can become the status quo. The members of the early church had the same problem. Many New Testament letters indicate that the first Christians believed in Christ, held high ideals, and lived in community—but they didn't always get along. In one passage from the Letter to the Ephesians, you can just imagine the spats that provoked these words: "I urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." The readers had to be urged toward those virtues because they were not very evident. Fighting should never be the status quo. We have a more noble vision of community life. **Our one Lord, one faith, and one baptism summon us to be one body and one spirit.**

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