

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.
Sunday:
8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.
Monday, & Thursday
8:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wed., Friday
NO MASS

August 8, 2021

THE OF *Epiphany* OUR Lord

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RECONCILIATION

Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. or you may call the office to make an appointment.

BAPTISM

We baptize during all Masses. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptism session prior to the Baptism. Please call the office for more information.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

If you know of anyone who is sick and cannot get to Mass, and they wish to receive the Eucharist, please call the office so arrangements can be made.

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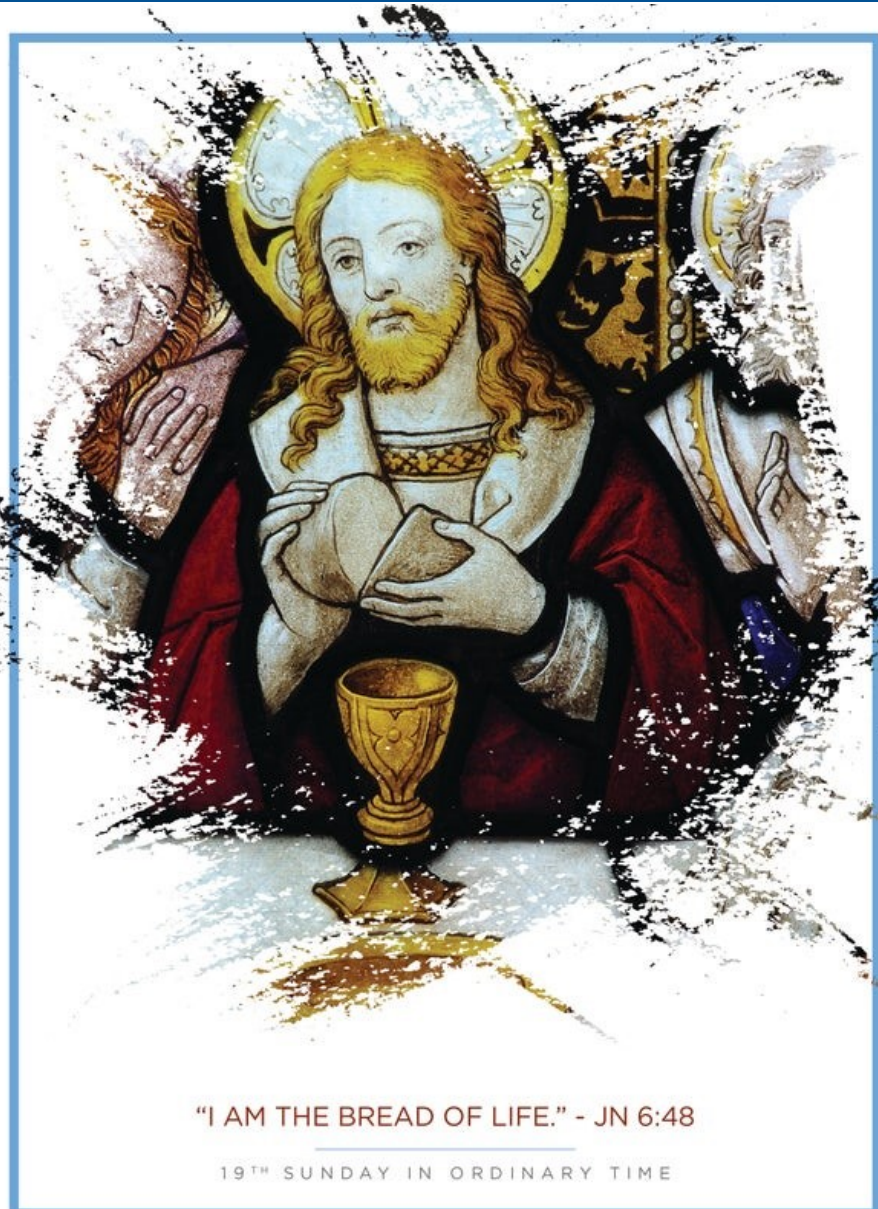
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Any article for the bulletin must be in the office by Monday noon.



"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE." - JN 6:48

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 7—Vigil

4:00 PM † Ronald Campana by Ted Harhai

Sunday, August 8 — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Sam Dalfonso by Ida & Family

10:30 AM † Joe & Stella Reda, Russell & Adeline Shered
by Children

Monday, August 9

8:00 AM † Emilio & Tressa Vizza & Family by Rosalie
Nicksich

Tuesday, August 10

No Mass

Wednesday, August 11

No Mass

Thursday, August 12

8:00 AM † Nicholas Vaccaro by Loving Family

Friday, August 13

No Mass

Saturday, August 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Alvarez Family by
Gloria Alvarez Vasunda

Sunday, August 15 — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM † Lena & Peter Salotti by Michael & Donna
Apostolakis

10:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Ted Harhai

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — August 14 & 15

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	G. Pesi	J. Todd	T. Todd
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	A. Pastella	Z. Tokar
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	E. Yatchyshyn	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, August 2—Team #2— W. Anders

We are called to become the "Bread of Life."

Today as we listen to our readings we are reminded of how necessary food is for life. We are all aware that we need to eat if we want to live. However, we also know that we need less food to sustain us in life than we are used to eating. Jesus likens



himself to the Bread of Life in the gospel; this opens for us a new dimension on eating and sustaining life. I think that we would agree with the notion that we certainly cannot live a full life simply by eating food. It is everything else about life that helps to sustain us and nourish us for the journey. Try to imagine what your life would be like if you lived in total isolation. No people around you, no stimulation, nothing! Life would not be worth much. Jesus is reminding us that we need more than just food for the journey.

Elijah in the first reading is literally running for his life. He was being pursued by Jezebel who had a decree out for his death. His life seemed to have no more meaning and he just wanted to lie down and die. How many times have we all felt like that? The problems of life and living sometimes can become so overwhelming that all we want to do is lie down and die, just like Elijah. However, he doesn't get that chance. It is an angel from God who brings him food for his journey; he is given what he needs to get up and continue his life's journey. Jesus offers to us the food of his teaching as well as his own flesh for the journey to eternal life. This bread that comes down from heaven gives us life, but only when we surrender ourselves to listen.

The Bread of Life refers to the word that is taught. Moreover, the word is bread that sustains us on our journey and calls us to belief. The way to God and to eternal life is through Jesus. This is why he is the bread of life. In this gospel, word, belief, bread, and life all converge in the person Jesus.

Sometimes our dying to self can lead us, like Elijah, to say "Enough; take my life!" It's no easy task to be faithful disciples, to live the gospel message. It's an even more difficult task for ourselves to teach as Jesus did. If we are to be true to what we are to live and teach, we need the bread that revives us and keeps us from despair. Jesus' words of life bring us such hope and strength. Our challenge in life is not to get discouraged, but to hand ourselves over to the nourishment of word and sacrament that God offers, a nourishment that carries us surely on our life's journey toward eternal life. Jesus assures us that we have all we need to come to eternal life. It becomes our task to put into action the words Jesus offers. Like St. Paul tells the Ephesians we too must remove from our lives "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling." As we take that Bread of Life, we must become what it represents.

Council Meeting

Pastoral Council / Finance Council

There will be a meeting of the pastoral and finance councils on Monday the 23rd of August at 6:30 in the Chapel hall. **If anyone thinks that they might want to work on either of these councils**, please give me a call at the church office.

VBS Cancelled

Our Vacation Bible School was scheduled to begin this week, but because there are so few participants, it has been cancelled. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of ADINA MANCINI, SANTO ALESSIO, GARY MANDARINO, AND JULIO ANGELINE. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Festival News

After all of that time being cooped up inside, it certainly was a wonderful opportunity for all of us to come together...and that is exactly what we did! It **was an absolutely superb festival**; people were so glad to be with one another and they shared that gladness over the weekend! It will certainly be difficult to top this year's festival, but like always, it certainly did not happen on its own. There was much time and effort put into making it all happen.

Once again I am grateful to **Robert Sassak** for being the general chairman and **Kathryn Dzurik** for co-chairing. Robert and Kathryn certainly did make sure that every detail was covered, making everyone's job so much easier. **Betty Geis**, along with her many helpers, did a bang up job with preparing and serving such delicious food. **Evie Yatchyshyn** and her helpers maintained the preparations for food outside. I do not believe that anyone left the festival hungry that is for sure! Thanks to **Pat and Danny Godla** for the delicious corn, and **Lisa Blatnik** for the efforts she put forth with all of the games making for a truly festive environment. **Mary Dzurik** and **Rita Lucas** outdid themselves with the beautifully decorated Basket Auction Booth. Every year **Patty Pettko** along with **Rita Aguilar** have taken care of the Parish Raffle which is a tremendous service to us all, and I am grateful to **Rosalie Nicksich** for handling the ticket sales and sponsors. All of the people who helped to set up and tear everything down made for short work.

Although our festival is a much needed fund raiser for our parish, it serves as a vehicle for all of us to just come together and socialize. For each and every person who had anything to do with this year's festival, know that I am very grateful. Once all of the bills have been paid I will publish the results from the festival.



Festival 2021

More pictures on the website: www.colparish.com

Stewardship

Brown Bag Sunday: Back to School

Our Brown Bag Sunday will be in a few weeks. As we look at the beginning of another school year, we will once again have a collection of "back to school" items.

To participate, you simply bring the items you wish to donate to church and we will get them distributed. Anything that would be helpful at the beginning of another school year will be appreciated: notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, crayons, book bags, glue sticks, pencil cases....We will have this collection of on the weekend of **August 21 – 22**.



Streaming Mass

We are continuing to stream Mass each week. If you are interested in assisting, please let us know. This is a pretty easy process. If you can handle your cell phone, you got this!

Weekly Collection August 1

Votive Candles:	122
Utility & Energy:	122
Accent:	30
Children & Adult Collection:	3,978
Online Collection:	525
Total Collection:	\$4,777

Golden Wedding

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Larry J. Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary during the calendar year 2021. The jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition. Ideally, the jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on **Sunday, Sept. 19**. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of August 8



Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Coffee & Doughnuts



Come and join us after 8:30 Mass or before 10:30. I'm sure we all have a lot of catching up to do! As in the past, with the coffee and doughnuts we do need some help. If you are interested, please let me know or call the office.