



August 19, 2018 • Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom is often identified with Christ and with the Holy Spirit. Both are present in today's readings, one as a metaphor, the other as a doctrine. "To the one who lacks understanding, [Wisdom] says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" She urges us, "Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

Jesus urges us to be united with him in an intimate way in his flesh and blood in the Eucharist. We are blessed with the quality of wisdom, if only we recognize this and welcome our Lord into our hearts.

WELCOME ME AND LIVE

"How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" In those days, before our understanding of the Eucharist, before the Last Supper when Jesus offered himself to his disciples in the bread and wine, this may have been a reasonable theological question, as well as a logical one. They did not understand. They did not have the wisdom

to see the metaphor, or to know that further understanding would be forthcoming.

But to those who were open to Jesus' words, the bread of life was offered and accepted as the way to life eternal. They may not have understood that Jesus was speaking of eternal life, not our physical life on Earth, that would be given forever, but they were captivated by the metaphor and believed. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." It is possible to be puzzled and still believe.

So what does this mean for us today? Wisdom is something we sorely need in our world, and it is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord is to gain wisdom as well as eternal life, to participate in the life of God, the Trinity, and of each other in love and caring. We must abandon our foolish ways and believe.

Today's Readings: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—August 18	5:00 PM	Chris & Kay Basgall 47th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday— August 19	9:00 AM	† Vicki Williams by Larry & Debbie Earl
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Ed Hurst 25th Anniversary by the Family
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Don & Pat Stout by the Family
Friday	8:30 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
Saturday—August 25	5:00 PM	† Paul Prevost by Mary Stevens
Sunday— August 26	9:00 AM	† Janice Marie Tisdale by the Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - JIM CARBARY, (FATHER OF MAGGIE SAYLES), - DON SMITH, - KEVIN PLATTE, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - MARY ELLEN SCHRAUBEN (SISTER OF BARB FOOTE & GEORGE LEHMAN)— RICK SPICKARD, - LINDSEY KING (GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGENE KING), - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - BEN SINIARSKI, - KYLE WALLER, - TYLER KING (GRANDSON OF GEORGENE KING) - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - CARRIE SCHULTZ, - DAVID RHODABECK, - TERRY MILLER, - JASON CHUBB, - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - PAT ROWLEY (SISTER OF JIM ROWLEY), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - NICHOLAS SCOTT (SON OF VERONICA SCOTT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - JOHN MARTINEZ, - FRANK LUNDIE, - JANET ARTHUR, - KIM (KOONTER) BALCARCEL, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - CARL & CORALIE GEORGE, - SANDRA CHAVEZ, — MARY CHADWICK, - EUNICE DUGAN (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK)

OFFERTORY
Aug. 11 & 12, 2018

76 Adult Envelopes	\$2,340
Loose Collection	\$264
3 Children's Envelopes	\$3
10 Building Fund Envelopes	\$395
16 ACH Electronic Offertory	\$1,170
Total Weekly Offertory	\$4,172



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Yard Sale drop off deadline

August 31

Enormous Rummage Sale

Saturday, Sept 8, 2018
8:00 - 4:00



by Laingsburg Knights of Columbus

St. Isidore Catholic Church Hall
310 Crum St. Laingsburg

Several thousand items -



One day sale with lots for everyone.

Coffee, sweets & lunch items available for purchase.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Sept. 14—6:30 PM—REF Parent Orientation
Sept. 23—First REF Session

More REF details coming soon!

Mary Stevens—marystevens@stisidorechurch.org

Registration Forms are available outside the office door. Please return them to the locked box next to the forms.



FAITH FORMATION

August Need of the Month:
Laundry Soap



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

August 22—Planning Meeting—7:00 pm

Knight of the Month: - Jack Risch

Family of Month: - Tom & Shirley Mahoney



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A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am writing this to you due to the recent removal of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick from ministry and the release of the grand jury report on clergy abuse in Pennsylvania. Once again, the sins of a cleric have hurt victims, scandalized the faithful, raised anger in many hearts, and brought ill-repute upon the Catholic Church. Archbishop McCarrick's abuse of minors, his homosexual activity and his abuse of seminarians and young priests are beyond the pale. In addition, some knew about this and did nothing to address his behavior. I am as shocked as you. So, first of all, I apologize for his behavior and the behavior of those who did nothing to stop him. It is incredibly wearying and demoralizing to hear yet again about these sexual sins and alleged crimes. Let us hold each other in prayer.

As you may know, each bishop is ultimately responsible to the Holy Father, who is the only one who can remove him. Still, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will be discussing how we bishops might attempt to hold one another accountable, given this limitation. I can never give a guarantee that there will not be other clerics who violate their promise of celibacy and abuse their positions. We are all sinners. The Lord Jesus knew what the archbishop did just as he knows our sinful selves as well. Beyond what we can do as human beings to address the behavior of one another, we also commend ourselves and each other to the charity and justice of our God. Christ is our hope in all things. May God have mercy on us all.

Bishop Earl Boyea, Diocese of Lansing