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Whoever  
believes in me  
will never  
thirst



August 5, 2018 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have ever been on a diet or if you have fasted, you know the feeling of being hungry. Reducing our consumption of food leaves us with hunger pangs that are hard to ignore. Of course, this type of hunger pales in comparison with those who truly lack the nourishment they need. Some lack drinkable water. Their thirst is unimaginable to people who simply turn on a tap from which fresh water flows. There is another kind of hunger and thirst that is part of the human experience. Many of us hunger for a deep relationship with God. This spiritual hunger is sometimes not conscious, until we are attentive to it. The Israelites in the desert and the people who followed Jesus across the sea experienced a flash of insight that changed them. Suddenly, their hunger was about more than food for their physical sustenance. They became aware of their spiritual thirst, which only God can quench. What spiritual hunger do you recognize?

### THIRST QUENCHED, WE BECOME THIRSTY

Once we become attuned to our great longing for God, we grow in trust that Jesus is the bread of life who fills us with God's goodness. Assured that we need never hunger again, our faith leads us to thirst—for justice, mercy, or care for those who are on the peripheries, and for an ever-greater relationship with God and within the Christian community. With this spiritual growth, we recognize that we must act in order to meet the needs of those who are physically hungry or thirsty, and that we may have the opportunity to lead others to Jesus, the bread from heaven that gives life to the world. In what ways is Jesus your bread of life? How are you called to provide bread, physical or spiritual, to others?

Today's Readings: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday—August 4	5:00 PM	† Priscilla Mahoney by the Family
Sunday— August 5	9:00 AM	† Thomas Hengesbach by Tim & Stacy Voisinet
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	† Loree Hamilton by Joyce Archer
Thursday	8:30 AM	† Priscilla Mahoney by Corwin & Jeannette Parker
Friday	8:30 AM	† For the People of St. Isidore & Holy Family Parishes
Saturday—August 11	5:00 PM	† Richard Hengesbach by Denny & Mary Lee
Sunday— August 12	9:00 AM	† Hal Bauman 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, - JEAN SPRAGUE (AUNT OF NANCY CLARK), — MARY CHADWICK, - EUNICE DUGAN (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK)

**OFFERTORY**

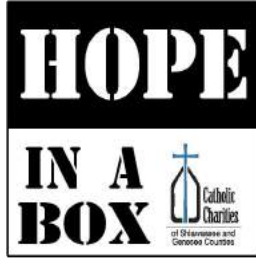
Jul 28 & 29, 2018

67 Adult Envelopes	\$1,853
Loose Collection	\$315
Children's Envelopes	\$0
Building Fund Envelopes	\$210
<b>Total Weekly Offertory</b>	<b>\$2,378</b>

**Register today for Diocese of Lansing  
Made for Happiness Assembly!**



August Need of the Month:  
Laundry Soap



**RESPITE VOLUNTEERS OF  
SHIAWASSEE CO.**

**ROCK A THON**

Wednesday, Aug. 8th - 10:00 am—1:00 pm  
YMCA—Owosso, MI

Please support Paula Harris as she joins this worthy cause. The dollars raised will help Respite continue to provide the gift of time and caring support to adults with persistent health care needs and their families. There were 128 new cases served by Respite Volunteers in 2017. Please see Paula Harris or donate on line at [www.respitevolunteers.org](http://www.respitevolunteers.org)

Thank you.



**K of C Yard Sale—September 8**

The Knights are still accepting donations of gently-used or unwanted items for their Annual Yard Sale. **Please**, no clothes, shoes, televisions, mattresses or hazardous materials. Proceeds from the sale support our scholarship program and many other charitable causes. If you need items picked up, contact

Keith Kienitz 651-5957 or  
Don Brown 517-290-4225

Thank you for your generosity.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)**

Sundays—10:20 AM—11:30 AM  
September—May

**FORMED**

**Have a Family Movie  
Night With FORMED!**

By God's design, the family is the first and most effective school of Christianity. Inspire and enrich your family by watching these epic feature films about holy men and women who devoted their lives to following Christ. Discover the power of virtue, prayer, service, and resilience in the face of opposition.

We have just renewed our parish membership with Formed.org. Please take the time to log on and enjoy what it has to offer for all ages.  
Parish Code: NH8RB3

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

August 8—Business Meeting—7:00 pm

**Knight of the Month:** - Fr. Bob

In lieu of **Family of the Month** the Knights would like to honor all of the ladies who worked tirelessly for months to help Father Duaine move and to prepare the rectory for our new pastor.

## NOTES FROM FR. BOB

**MADE FOR HAPPINESS:** I am happy to report that our registrations for the September 22 'Made for Happiness' Assembly have been coming in. Registration forms and more information are still available in the small hall near the parish library. I hope you will consider joining us.

**UPDATE in the Catechism:** Perhaps you caught the news this past week concerning the change to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC). While previously CCC paragraph # 2267 provided a narrow margin for when the death penalty would be admissible, Pope Francis has now declared that it is "inadmissible" because it attacks the inherent dignity of all humans.

The updated section of the CCC will now read:

2267. Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person", [1] and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide".

[1] FRANCIS, Address to Participants in the Meeting organized by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, 11 October 2017: L'Osservatore Romano, 13 October 2017.

**Valuable Resource.** First promulgated by St. Pope John Paul II in 1992, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a summary of the beliefs and doctrine of the Catholic Church. Our own Bishop Emeritus Mengeling has often said that the Catechism is one of the greatest fruits of the Second Vatican Council. While the CCC can be purchased in print form, it is available for free online. Next time you're wondering what the Church teaches about a particular topic it might be helpful to give the Catechism a look!

Have a blessed week!

Fr. Bob

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