



**The Food Is For Eternity To Enter Time – We’re Chosen To Do It!**

**Reflection from Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R.**

**August 8, 2021 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1 Kings 19:4-8 & John 6:41-51 with Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

If we would let ourselves be open to embrace the meaning of the Bread of Life, we would discover a way of life that can do nothing more than be “kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.”

Elijah had no reason to live. He was in the desert, abandoned by everyone. He wanted to lay down and die. Many people during the pandemic were caught up in the same dynamic. Toying with taking their own lives ... feeling useless and hopeless.

Jesus grew up among similar people. They defined their lives by what they had. And Jesus saw their lives, as He saw His own, bringing eternal life into space and time. He just up and said it after multiplying loaves. “I am the Bread ... from heaven.”

It’s like He couldn’t take it anymore. They were trying to define Jesus as being the son of Joseph. They knew His parents. They rejected His Word based on what they knew. No wonder their way of thinking would lead to bitterness, anger and malice.

Take Saul who was out to kill the followers of the Way, of those chosen to be sent. He is chosen to see Jesus in those who receive the Bread of Life. He is changed for good. He was sent to the other group – not the Jews, but the Gentiles.

“Live in love” – overcome fear and discouragement. How? With the power of the Bread of Life. Paul goes on to say “be imitators of God.” What a teaching – we are to imitate God. How? With the Bread of Life. “We are what we eat” said St. Augustine.

God’s Word is right on time. No surprise since His Word is eternal. We are the chosen ones to bring L.I.F.E. into our community – Love Including Forgiving Everyone! Our God is an awesome God choosing us to be sent as “Doers of the Word of Life.”

When I hear of “traumatic” experiences, I want to accompany others to mourn and grieve the loss. It wasn’t meant to be this way. It’s the result of our cutting off the Creator, beginning with Adam. Then I bring to light the “Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.” He is bleeding in the Cup of Blessing, our Wounded Healer. He chose us to do the same.

**2021 Catholic Services Appeal!**

Our 2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign has begun. **Our target this year is \$7,637.** As is our parish tradition, the amount over target, which the AOD refunds to the parish, will be shared 50/50 with our St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

Solicitation packets are available in the rear of the church, or by contacting the Parish Office. **There are three ways to make your pledge: 1. Return your pledge card directly to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided, 2. Drop your pledge card in our weekly collection bowl, 3. Pledge online through the parish website. Choose whichever way works best for you!**

We have designated Sunday, September 26, as “**Commitment Sunday**,” when parishioners will be asked to finalize their pledge to CSA. However, we suggest you make your commitment earlier, if possible. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to CSA.

**Praise Dancers**

Our young Apprentices-In-Motion Praise Dancers will not be with us next week, but will join in our celebration of St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Day on Sunday, September 19. If you have a child or grandchild who might enjoy joining in this fun activity that enhances our worship experience, contact Stephanie Flounory.

**Cleaning Day**

Our Worship Team has designated Saturday, August 28, as “Cleaning Day” for our church here at Marygrove, beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you are available to help in giving our church a refreshing fall clean-up, please talk to Tanda Flounory or Patricia Woods.

**Community Meal**

This Thursday, August 12, at 6:00 p.m. we will have our monthly Community Meal - this time at Loyola High School. Join us as we invite people from multiple faith traditions to share common concerns and aspirations for our neighborhoods, as well as a pot luck dinner. Feel free to invite family and neighbors. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Woods.

***Our Mission Statement***

Having reflected on the "four faces of our parish," **St. Peter Claver Catholic Community**, chosen by the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, and under the guidance of Mary, resolves that: 1) we will provide more opportunities for deepening prayer life and faith life for youth, young adults, and adults; 2) we will initiate efforts to reach out and re-connect with those individuals and families who have disconnected from the Church; 3) we will collaborate with other faith communities and organizations within our parish to offer ecumenical events/activities (e.g., neighborhood clean-ups, prayer meetings, health fairs); and, 4) we will utilize resources within our parish community to advocate for education and to promote social justice issues.

## Sanctuary of Life

“From within the heart of the world, the family has a decisive and determinative relationship with life. As a Sanctuary of life, the family must welcome it, defend it, accompany it during its development, especially during the whole process of its education....The family lovingly bears witness to the uniqueness of new life....The instruction of the Didache, “Thou shalt not kill the child in its mother’s womb” (2, 1), incorporated into the living tradition of the Church, must resound even today from the heart of every household. Only God is the Lord of life!” (*Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, President, Pontifical Council for the Family, Homily to Pontifical Academy for Life, February, 1997*).

## St. Dominic

Today is also the Feast Day of St. Dominic, who founded the Dominicans - the Order of Preachers - in the early 13th century. St. Dominic’s vision of having priests, consecrated religious and lay people dedicated to preaching, study, mission, and community thrives 800 years later - as does the Dominican motto - *Veritas*, which means Truth!

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## Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Intercessory Prayer Team

Beverly Alessio, Inez (Retinella) Alls, Florine Anderson, Alberta Asmar, Sylvia Baker, Warren Bridges, Donald & Barbara Carter, Michael Clarence Carter, Johnnie Davis, Peggy Endlein, Ara Grier, Sandra Griffin, Karen Hickman, Myrtis Hildebrandt, Jacqueline Johnson, Bobbie Lewis, Addison Martin, Augusta Martin, Dorothy (Vicki) Martin, Charles Nelson, Joan S. Noland, Nancy Oberhausen, Grady & Celestine Parker, Fred & Villa Ray, Romaine Redd, Flossie Ryles, Jeanne Schuldt, Irene Scott, Gussie Seay, Augusta Starks, Mary Tyler, Christine Versele, Helen Wajda, Anna Washington, Lillie Washington, Carmel Weems, Leonard & Ona Wilson

## Also, Please Remember in Prayer:

Wayne Bradley, Olivia Boulden, Christopher Durant, Rochelle Evans, Kiara Harris, Marley Jonah, Mary Caroline Jonah, Johnetta Mutes, Elke Rittenhouse, Elaine Ryles, Terrence Tidwell, Charles Tilghman, Jon Viado, Vickee Viado, Constance Washington-Daniel, Larry Washington, and relatives of our parishioners

## Ministers Schedule

August 15, 2021

**Celebrant: Rev. David Preuss, O.F.M.Cap.**

**Minister of Service: Sandra Horn**

**Lector: Larry Rhodes**

## Meetings/Events This Week

Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom
Monday	6:00 pm	Stewardship Commission via Zoom
Tuesday	10:00 am	St. Vincent de Paul at Mt. Lebanon
	7:00 pm	Formation Team vis Zoom
Wednesday	11:00 am	Lectio Divine via Zoom
Thursday	6:00 pm	Community Meal at Loyola
Saturday	2:00 pm	Ladies of Peter Claver
Sunday	10:00 am	Mass in Church and via Zoom

Legend: PH=Parish House; MC=Marygrove College Church refers to the Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College  
*For the “live” Parish Calendar, go to [spcccdetroit.org](http://spcccdetroit.org)*

## Sacramental Preparation

Are you, or someone you know, interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving one of the sacraments? Please contact Jennie Sinatra at the Parish Office.

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## St. Peter Claver Catholic Community

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**Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Church**  
(Check the bulletin for holy days and special services)

**Reconciliation: Before Mass or By Appointment**

**Parish Office Hours: Parish Staff is currently working from home. Please contact Ed Shea if you require assistance.**

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