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"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish...make them sit down." ...about five thousand in all...he distributed them to those who were seated, so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

John 6:1-15

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July 28, 2024

THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES

The best approach in understanding the readings of this weekend is to look at the people involved in the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Jesus, a boy who gave his five loaves and two fish, the disciples who help in the distribution of the loaves and fish, and the crowd who are the true recipients of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. A boy voluntarily surrenders to Christ his provisions of five loaves and two fish. Perhaps, he was a vendor and depended on the sale of that food for the day's earnings. Perhaps that food was his whole day's ration. We will never know. But surely no one took it away from him by force, for Jesus would never have tolerated that. The boy therefore made an act of great generosity when he gave Andrew his five loaves and two fish. Not knowing in advance that Jesus would soon perform a miracle with his donation, it was even more than generous. We could say it was heroic. For one shining, golden moment that little boy flew.... His name was not retained by history, but his gesture was. Had he refused to surrender his foodstuff, perhaps the feeding of the crowd would never have taken place. His contribution made all the difference, on that historic day.

Although, we cannot over-emphasize the generosity of the young boy, we have to focus on the One through whom all good things come. Here we realize that God truly provides. God intervenes in our lives at all times. Furthermore, the twelve baskets left over proclaim that God gives extravagantly. God gives more than we need. God has even created for us the planet earth that is prodigal in its generosity.

If God has been so good to us, the call is to follow in his footsteps. What makes our lives more meaningful is our ability to touch other people's lives in a positive way through our generosity, no matter how little and humble.

Here one is reminded of what author **Harold J. Sala** writes in this connection: "One of the myths you have to overcome," he says, "to live a significant and purposeful life is the myth that you don't count, that you can't make a difference, that what you can do is so insignificant and the needs of the world so great, that what you can do doesn't matter.

"It matters tremendously to someone who is on the receiving end of your love" (*Joyfully Single in a Couples' World, P. 171*).

What will you give today that you will be remembered tomorrow and for long after? Follow your heart, a grandmother admonishes her granddaughter in love, be brave!

Fr. Dominick

Next Weekend Ministry Schedule - August 3rd / 4th, 2024

	4:00PM MASS	9:00AM MASS	11:00AM MASS
Lectors	Ron Downey	Gisele Neigel	Don Farquharson
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Ushers	Marguerite Goodfellow Walter Grys	Mary Kudryk Al Kudryk Jerzy Lenart Krystina Lenart	Hugh Knox Bob Lacroix, Linda Lacroix
Counters	Tuesday, July 30, 2024	Jo Ann Giesler &	Mary Kudryk

Parish Pastoral News

St Marys CWL Book and Puzzle Fund Raiser Sale
Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday August 4th following Mass.

If you have books you don't plan on reading again,
If you have puzzles you won't do again,
PLEASE, drop off your donations at the church.
They are to be taken downstairs to the Knight's Room in the hall.
The sale will take place in the hall next weekend.
Come see what we have and please support your CWL and help us help others.

Weekday Day Mass at St. Kateri / Beginning on Wednesday August 7, 2024 there will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays during the Month of August.

Mass Intentions / A reminder that we have empty days for Mass intentions if you would like to book a Mass for family or loved ones.

Parish Picnic / The Picnic will be on **Sunday, August 18, 2024** at St. Kateri in Baysville following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be supplied by the Parish. The Salads and Desserts will be Potluck. We are asking those who are attending to bring either a salad or a dessert to share. There are sign up sheets for Salads and Desserts at the entrance to the Churches beginning this week. If you did not previously sign up to attend the Parish Picnic, there is also a sign up sheet for that. There will be games for the children and music to be enjoyed by all. Please bring your own chairs. Come to celebrate our feast day.

Welcome To The Area And The Parish / Whether you are new to the area, or here for a short visit, you are most welcome. We hope and pray that the memories that you have created here in the Muskoka area, will bring you all joy in the future. May God's peace be within you always.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Damian Smullen who passed away on Friday, July 19, 2024 in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

Week of July 29th – Aug. 4th, 2024

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognize that we are Your children.
Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
And teach us to say:
"I will not abandon you!"
To those we meet on our journey.
With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.
Amen.



The members of St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parish thank you for your continued and gracious donations to the Food Bank.

Nothing is ever too small or too little.
Peace, Good Will, and Thank you!

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In advance, we thank you for whatever you have been able to share with us in the way of monetary donations. The money we collect from you, helps us to buy some perishable food items that we are able to add to their food hampers. Those coming to our food bank receive not only food, but kindness and the encouragement to remain hopeful. *Shalom*

Parish Group Meetings /Events

Saturday/Sunday August 3rd/4th CWL Book and Puzzle Sale / Parish Hall / After Mass

Mass Schedule

Week of July 29th – Aug 4th

Tuesday, July 30th / 12:00 Noon
+Donald Smith

(Req. By: Marguerite Goodfellow)

Wednesday, July 31st / 12:00 Noon

+Miljenko Cepo

(Req. By: Joe Murray)

Thursday, August 1st / 9:00 AM

Friday, August 2nd / 12:00 Noon

Saturday, August 3rd 4:00PM

+Kolesinska Family

(Req. By: Gaile & Tony Romanoski)

Sunday, August 4th / 9:00AM

+George & Archie Thomson

(Req. By: Eleanor Wolffe)

Sunday, August 4th / 11:00AM

SI For the People of the Parish

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who have asked for our prayers ...

Jaymie Ward, Phillip Tomkin, Joe Hanrath, Ron & Margaret Smith, Angela & Stephanie Braithwaite, Robert Foley, Ruth Anne Foley, John Dunbar, Doris Lane, Connie Gregory, Sharon & Ben Boivin, Timothy Pelyk, Pat Morra, Kirsten MacDonald, Peter Poustie, Pam and Don Mackenzie, Esther Phillips, Carole Ruttan, Kevin Phillips, Stephanie Jarvis, Ian Bruce, Mabelle Claer, Janine Wright, Edward and Claire Hortensius, Anna Maria Ertler, Mike & Loretta Pearson, Doris Cristiano, Karl Richter, Dallas Clarke, Jamie Sifton, Tcherina Zylstra, Brian O'Connor, Remi LeGros, Emily Warman, Terry Russell, Sheila Bruce, Veronica Cotman, and Marjorie Curry

Sunday Offertory

July 21, 2024 \$4,639.00

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