

August 25th, 2024: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Background on the Gospel Reading:

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ own disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

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A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10a.m.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

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First Friday of each month - 2 pm

***Note:** No mass at the church on this day.

Bible Study:

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Reconciliation:

Marriages:

Baptisms:

Family Connections:

St. Vincent de Paul:

To resume in September.

Postponed until further notice.

By request.

Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS
on August 17 & 18

Regular Sunday	1687.00
Loose Offering	120.00
Building Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	30.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Living with Christ	11.05

MASS INTENTIONS Aug.27 – Sept. 1

Aug. 27	The Late Rita Josephine McGrath The Late Molly Brake
Sept. 1	The Late Mary & Joe Gallant The Late Mame Park & Elizabeth & Tom Hayes (Sr.)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 31	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Jerome Dicks	Joan Penney
September 1	
Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Calvin Gillis	Bernadette Stone
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

OUTREACH/COMMUNION TO THE SICK

Are you looking to help out in your community, we are looking for new members to join us in bringing Communion to the Sick. We will be holding a meeting on August 27 at 1:30pm. We encourage all members to attend and we look forward to welcoming new members. Call the parish office for details at 709-785-5025.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Helen Bernice Sarah Gallant.

KITCHEN PANTRY:

This year instead of filling the Kitchen Pantry at Sacred Heart Elementary School at Christmas time with Breakfast items, we will have it done come this September when school opens. Such items would be juice packs, breakfast bars that are peanut free (should have a nut free logo on pack), fruit cups, puddings, etc... We will have a better list the closer we get to September. The Ladies Group will be available if there are any questions regarding this.

YOUTH GROUP:

Calling all youth grades 6 and up! Join us as we kick off the year on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Cathedral. Throughout the year there will be discussions on our faith, community projects, movies, fun games, and snacks! Ideas for the future of this group will be discussed and led by our youth supported by volunteers for the parish. Please contact angie.dolomount@gmail.com or 631-4543 for more information.

WALK-A-THON: September 21st, 2024

Keep those Shoes handy for our next Fundraiser for our Walkathon. Starting from Sacred Heart Church To the Rock Art Wall on Griffin Drive and Back to the Church for refreshments. Nothing is finalized yet, however we do have sponsor sheets at the back of the church. Come sign up for this walk in support of our parish.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

Have you ever thought about being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist? Eucharistic ministers, as they are usually called, assist the priest with the distribution of the element(s) of the Holy Communion during Mass. Due to the nature of the ministry, it should be approached with reverence and respect.

If you feel that you are willing of this ministry, please contact the parish office at 709-785-5025.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

We are a group of people who compassionately perform various tasks related to funerals in our parish. The bereavement team and the presiding priest meet with the grieving family to plan a mass of Christian burial or a funeral home liturgy. The team supports the family by listening, lifting them up with prayer and encouragement. They coordinate the required set up for the funeral service and notify all involved such as musicians, readers, servers, gift bearers etc. They conduct a practice to ensure the family is comfortable with their role in the service. The team attends and assists at the funeral home vigil and the mass of Christian burial. After the funeral a member of the bereavement team would call or visit the family while maintaining boundaries and privacy of the grieving family. We are welcoming new members to our parish bereavement teams and invite you to join us. You will be provided with proper training and sufficient time to adjust to your new role. For more information, please call the parish office at 709-785-5025.

LECTOR/READER:

Would you like to become a more active participant in Mass? Are you a good reader? Have you ever considered becoming a lector here in the parish? A good lector proclaims the Word of God in the first and second reading of the Mass. Effective proclamation of the Word involves the delivery of the message with clarity, conviction and at both an appropriate volume and pace. The lector also leads the general intercessions. If this sounds like something you could do and would like to try, please contact the parish office at 709-785-5025.

Reflection: Will you also leave me?

When many of his disciples were leaving him, Jesus turned to the apostles and said, “Will you also leave me?” These words are addressed to us too. It’s not the Lord who leaves us, but we who may leave him. But why would we want to leave the Lord, who alone has the words of eternal life? We need to make our own Peter’s profession of faith. Every Sunday we get a chance to do so. We need the Lord to strengthen our faith. We also need to confirm one another. Lord, confirm our decision to stay with you. Draw us closer to you in bonds of trust, so that we may follow you in love and freedom.