

August 1, 2021 - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die . . .

“Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.”

John 6: 41-51

A mother’s “manna” for her daughter

Her mother died of cancer when she was 12. She had suffered for almost four years, but despite the tests and surgeries and chemo, she was the best mom and friend a child could have. Every day ended with mother and daughter spending time together; every night her mom tucked her in with a kiss: “I love you to the moon and back.”

Though not unexpected, her mom’s death was devastating to her.

The morning after her mother’s funeral, she woke up to find a box on the desk in her room. Her dad had placed there after she finally fell asleep. She opened the box to find a collection of envelopes, each addressed “to my beautiful daughter.” There were envelopes to be opened “on your 16th birthday,” “on your graduation from high school,” “on the day you leave for college,” “on your graduation from college,” “on the first day of your first full-time job,” “on your 21st birthday,” “on your 30th birthday.”

There were also cards to be opened “when things go bad,” “after a painful break-up,” “when you feel alone.”

One envelope for every milestone in a young woman’s life, each a mother’s words of comfort and wisdom to her daughter.

The last three envelopes in the box: “on your engagement,” “on the day of your marriage,” “on the birth of your first child.”

Over the next several years, she would open the envelopes and read what her mother wrote during those last weeks of her life — and her mom was with her, offering encouragement, counsel and hope at this milestone in her life, always ending with “I love you to the moon and back.”

The last envelope was opened the day her own daughter was born. In the envelope was a photo: a picture of her mother holding her when she was six months old. The card read:

“Congratulations on becoming a mother. What a lucky little girl my grandchild is to have you for her mom. You’ll be a terrific parent. May your child bring you as much joy as you brought to your dad and me. Love her to the moon and back.”

A mother’s love continues to embrace her daughter even after her death. The words she leaves behind are a form of “manna,” the manifestation of God’s grace in her daughter’s life; the “bread of life” that is Jesus’ compassion and care. As Jesus, the “bread of life,” gave “life” to the world through his selfless compassion and humble servanthood to others, this mom uses the little time she has to provide guidance and care for each milestone of her daughter’s life, both the good and the challenging. May we discover the manna that God rains down lovingly each morning of our lives; may Christ, the new manna, be our bread and drink on our own exoduses to the dwelling place of God.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ

Parish Information

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

To Register, please call the office Tuesday to Friday between 9 am and 2 pm.

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.
Friday at 10 am.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex, ***closed to public.***

Bible Study:

Discontinued for the summer.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Discontinued until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

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

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

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

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

Masks must be worn at all times. (As per newest Government Regulations).

Always remain 2 meters distant from others.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

July 25th, 2021

Regular Sunday	\$1050.00
Building Fund	40.00
Cemetery Fund	190.00
Envelope cost contribution	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	110.00

MASS INTENTIONS

August 3-7

Tue. 7pm	Late Jackie Griffin
Wed. 7pm	Late Philomena Slevin
Thu. 7pm	Late Mary Joyce
Fri. 2pm Lohnes	Late Mary Mullins
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Edward Buckle
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

August 10-14

Tue. 7pm	Late Marina Daniels
Wed. 7pm	Late Greg Joyce
Thu. 7pm	Late James Brake
Fri. 10am	Late John & Dan O'Brien
Sat. 4:30pm	Late Gus & Irene Rumboldt
Sun. 11am	Parish Community

OFFICE CLOSED: Dianne will be on vacation from August 3-6.

PARISH COUNCIL: Thank you to those who serve on our parish Council. Every year three council members finish their terms in September. We will need new members to have a full slate. If you know someone who would be a good member, please speak with them and put their name forward for election.

SAINT ANNE'S OIL: The parish has a supply of Saint Anne's Oil. These are available at the parish office. We ask a \$7 offering for each.

CHURCH – MAJOR PROJECTS: The finance committee has met and discussed major upcoming possible projects for our church properties. Currently we have completed a new cemetery fence and are completing concrete and stucco repairs to the church as well as the repainting of the exterior of the church. We are looking at the possibility of paving the parking lot and the necessity of replacing the church roof. These two projects will cost anywhere from \$80,000 to \$130,000 as well. In August month we also will receive our bill for parish insurance. I expect that bill to be \$8,000 to 10,000. Our current bank balance will allow us to make these expenditures. If we make those expenditures our bank balance will only be enough to carry us day to day. It is our hope that while we have the funds, we can do these projects which will provide for our physical church properties for a number of years into the future. We will need to have special fundraising to allow us to do these projects and still have a healthy bank balance. More information on fundraising will be upcoming.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port au Port West, will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption on Sunday, August 15th, at 6:00 pm with Bishop Bart presiding. We will also be reciting the Rosary prior to Mass at 5:30pm. Priests will be available to those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confession from 5:30-6:00pm. If you would like to attend the Mass, you must call 721-0200 to register. Following Mass, we will be accepting donations for Our Lady of Mercy Church Restoration. Collection boxes will be placed at the back of the church for anyone wishing to donate to this cause.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: In the Catholic Church, the transfiguration was once celebrated locally in various parts of the Catholic world on different days, including August 6, but was not universally recognized. In 1456, the Kingdom of Hungary repulsed an Ottoman invasion of the Balkans by breaking the Siege of Belgrade. News of the victory arrived in Rome on August 6. Given the importance to international politics at that time of such battles between Christian and Muslim nations, in celebration of the victory Pope Callixtus III elevated the Transfiguration to a Feast day to be celebrated in the entire Roman rite. In 2002, Pope John Paul II selected the Transfiguration as one of the five Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

PRAYING AND WORKING FOR PEACE: On August 6 and 9, 1945, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were ravaged by atomic bombs. Speaking to victims of this atomic warfare, Saint John Paul II said: "It is with deep emotion that today I greet all those who still carry in their bodies the signs of the destruction that was visited on them on the day of the unforgettable fire. What you endured has also inflicted a wound on the heart of every human being on earth. Your life here today is the most convincing appeal that could be addressed to all people of goodwill against war and for peace... We are all indebted to you for the living and constant appeal for peace that you are" (Nagasaki, February 26, 1981)

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the gospel.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: There will be mass to commemorate Blessed Michael J. MacGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. The mass will be held on his Memorial Day, Friday August 13th, 9:30 am at the Cathedral of the most Holy Redeemer and the Immaculate Conception Church of Corner Brook, with Bishop Bart van Roijen, principal celebrant. All Knights and their families are encouraged to attend. This mass will be live-streamed. Thank you - Archbishop Council #2581, Corner Brook.

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