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**Readers for Saturdays & Sundays
 August 2020**

August 1, 4:00 p.m. Debbie Frederick
 August 2, 9:00 a.m. Mike Broeckelman
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 August 9, 9:00 a.m. Steve Sullivan
 August 15, 4:00 p.m. Gwen Waechter
 August 16, 9:00 a.m. K of C Members
 August 22, 4:00 p.m. Karen Burden
 August 23, 9:00 a.m. Cindy Achen
 August 29, 4:00 p.m. Tom Bachman
 August 30, 9:00 a.m. Alvin Bergkamp

Thank you so much for your ministry!

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 Tom Bachman, Grand Knight 640-8259
 Prayer Line Starters, Allison Bushek 355-1696
 & Nanette Rice 355-7676

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 3 8:00 a.m. Tom Hickel
Tuesday, August 4 8:00 a.m. Tom Hickel
Thursday, August 6 8:00 a.m. Bill & June Terwort
Friday, August 7 8: 00 a.m. Pastor’s Intention
Saturday, August 8 4:00 p.m. Pastor’s Intention
Sunday, August 9 9:00 a.m. For the People

VOCATION VIEW

Jesus multiplies the gifts we give to Him. Share your talents with Him and many talents will surface. (Matthew 17: 1-9). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP VIEW

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth”. Stewardship is the “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given us.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment. Please be humbled to reconcile with God, the Church, and the community.

Baptism: Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

Marriage: Please contact parish priest at least six months before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

FEW WORDS FROM THE PASTOR: Dear Parishioners: Greetings in the Lord on this eighteen Sunday of the ordinary time. “Uncle Peter, do you still remember the day when you received First Communion?” asked one of my nieces last year. I answered, “wow, not too much, but I still remember how excited I was that I wasn’t able to sleep that previous night because I was curious to taste the Holy Host and Precious Blood that I was taught it wasn’t a thing, but Jesus 'body and blood. It was on Sunday morning at 5:00 a.m. I had to get up at 3:00 a.m. to get ready for Church. I remember the pew that I sat with my parents....”

Yes. I’m sure some of you that “First Time” was quite a long time ago. This and next weekends will be special celebrations for some of our young parishioners, our First Communicants, and their families and friends. I do hope and pray that it will be a blessed day for them.

Please pray for them and their families so that the Lord will grant abundant blessings upon them. I would like to thank everyone who prepared these boys and girls to receive their first Holy Communion and remind the parents of these children that it is how you live and how you practice your faith in the family that is going to influence your children. Hence continue to train them in Christian faith and its practice, not by advice but by exemplary Christian lives. May our Loving God continue to pour down His many blessings upon us.

Stay safe and healthy. I love you all, Fr. Peter

COLLECTION for July 26, 2020: Envelopes: \$950.00; Loose: \$102.00; Online Giving: \$247.82; Total \$1302.82; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,989.55. Income over/under (-686.73)

Thank you so much to our faithful stewards for supporting our parish, diocese, and worldwide Church.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH– NEW MEMBERS We would love to get to know you. If you are attending St. Anthony and haven't been registered yet we welcome you to do so by contacting the parish office (620-355-6405 or saintanthonylakin@gmail.com) or stopping by during office hours (Tuesday thru Saturday 9 am-11am. or print out the Registration Form found in our parish website @saintanthonylakin.org. The Registration Form is also available at the back of the church.

RUMMAGE SALE: We will be having it again this summer (not date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime. This year we will not be accepting clothes. You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall. Tressa Powers 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; Jane Sullivan 355-7341, or Gwen Waechter 355-7203.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. we can help with food assistance, non –food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

WORD OF LIFE We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86).

INTO THE DEEP– DISCOVERING THE DEPTHS OF GOD EVERY DAY MINI-RETREAT: Do you want to transform your prayer life? Award-winning author and speaker, Dan Burke is coming to Goodland, Kansas! During the mini-retreat, Dan provides three powerful talks on the secrets of the saints regarding how to deepen your prayer life. Join us for an impactful day hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Mass will be at 8:00 AM and the mini-retreat is from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Light breakfast/snacks provided. \$20 per person. Must purchase by August 19th for discount. After August 19th, \$25/person. Registeronline: SpiritualDirection.Com/Events

SCRIPTURAL QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3) 1. Compare what you “consume” with what God offers. How does each affect your life? 2. What might God be calling you to leave behind?

Gospel Reading (Matthew 14:13-21) 1. For what do you hunger? 2. Who is helping to nourish you? 3. How

PRAYER OF THE WEEK from Jewish prayers for the sabbath meal

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, eternal King, who brings forth bread from the earth.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for you create the fruit of the earth.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, by whose word all things came to be.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, eternal king. You feed the whole world with your goodness, with grace, with loving kindness and with tender mercy. Through your great goodness food has never failed us.
For all this, O Lord our God, we thank you and bless you. Blessed be your name by the mouth of all the living, continually and forever. Blessed be God!

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

We wish to congratulate the children of St. Anthony and Christ the King who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend and following weekend! We are grateful to their parents, catechists and teachers who together worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith! May the love of Jesus forever remain close to you as you receive Him in the Eucharist! Congratulations to our First Communicants!

St. Anthony—August 1 (Mass at 4:00 p.m.)

Varela Yareli Altamirano	Ryann L. Bamberger	Marcos E. Diaz
Ryker A. Dixan	Jonathan Christopher Garnnet	Miguel Ruben Hernandez
Jalyssa K. Magallanes	Ivan Jose M. Leyva	David C. Villa

Christ the King—August 1 (Mass at 6:00 p.m.)

Lucas Alfredo Soto Fierro	Clark Maddux	Blaine Sperry	Blake Vasquez
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St. Anthony—August 2 (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)

Jace Berning

St. Anthony—August 9 (Mass at 9:00 a.m.)

Ariel Jesus Carrizales	Jobany Carrizales	Aaliyah Cruz
Jennifer Cerrillo	Saulo Yadiel Fraire	Anamariz Lopez
Christopher Murillo	Hilary Sofia	Rosa Noemi Alba



CATHOLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q. I'm a parent of teens and often wonder how come so many parents let their children drink at such a young age? Any insights? A. By asking this question I guess you are aware of some situations in which parents do in fact permit their children to drink while underage. Hopefully this is more of an exception than a norm. And since every situation may be different, let me address it in a more general way and offer one possible answer to your question.

First of all, I think that, in our current day and age, parenting has many challenges. There are many temptations out there for young people, as well as for adults, that are hard to deal with. Parents will not only have to deal with their own personal struggles and temptations, but they will also have to help their children with their challenges and temptations. Regarding alcohol, in and of itself, there is nothing wrong with drinking it. Jesus drank and even went so far as to change water into wine for His first miracle. And, of course, He used wine as the substance that was changed into His Precious Blood at the Last Supper. Furthermore, there are other references to wine in the Scriptures that make it clear that drinking alcohol is fine. However, two common problems that can come up with alcohol are drinking in excess and drinking under age.

Drinking in excess is certainly a sin for anyone because it's an abuse of something good that God gave us. And if you've ever seen someone who was drunk, it's clear that they are not able to think straight and act in a healthy way. Too much alcohol will always interfere with our ability to hear God's Voice and love others the way we are called. But your question has to do with parents letting their children drink who are underage. This brings up a number of other problems. First of all, we, as citizens of this country, or of any country, have a moral obligation to respect and obey all laws that are just. And it seems to me that it is a good thing for our states to limit the freedom to drink to those who are over 21. Why? Because I'm sure that, by simply attending a teenage drinking party, you can quickly conclude that alcohol can easily make things get out of hand. Furthermore, because this law is just, not only are minors morally obligated to follow it but parents are obligated to follow it in regards to their children also.

The reasons that parents may let their children drink can vary. But perhaps one of the most common reasons is because they want their children to "like" them. We all want to be liked, but sometimes those in authority must make decision that are not always popular. As I said above, I'm sure it's difficult to be a parents at times. And I'm sure that all parents find it difficult when they have to say "no" to their children. This may cause their children to get upset with them and not understand them. But it is very important for parents to do what's right rather than what is easiest. Even if this means they are misunderstood by their children or seen as "old fashioned." Perhaps you're asking this question because you have not allowed your teen to drink as a minor. My encouragement is to simply know and believe that you're making the right decision.

(<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-question-and-answer/q-raising-hands-during-the-our-father/>)

SUNDAY MEDITATION (ROMANS 8:35, 37-39)

Julius Caesar. Alexander the Great. Napoleon Bonaparte. Genghis Khan. What do these men have in common? They were among the world's greatest conquerors. They waged military campaigns that took them far and wide, forming mighty empires along the way. Would you include Jesus in that list? Or St. Paul? Or yourself, for that matter? We don't think of Christ, or Christians in general, as conquerors. Jesus died an ignoble death at the hands of the Romans. St. Paul was beheaded by the same empire. They looked more like the conquered than conquerors.

Even today many Christians are martyred by those in power. And yet through his sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead, Jesus conquered the greatest enemies of all: sin and death. And because of our baptism into Christ, that's a victory we all share in—no matter what befalls us in this life.

Paul's words must have comforted the early Christians whenever they experienced persecution for their faith. Even when it looked like they were "losing," they knew they were actually "winning." They trusted that not even the worst calamity could separate them from Jesus (Romans 8:39)! These verses can bring you comfort as well.

You may be experiencing the kind of anguish and distress that St. Paul described. Or maybe you are repeatedly "losing" to a certain temptation. Whatever the case, know that as you cling to the Lord, you will "win" in the end. One day Jesus will welcome you into his heavenly kingdom, and everything will be made right and beautiful. Until then, remember that God will never separate himself from you; his love is too strong, too real and solid. And through that love, you too will triumph over sin, death, and all the trials of life. You too will be a conqueror.

"Jesus, may I never be separated from your love!"

From Word Among Us

Dear Padre,

Recently a visiting priest went completely off script during the eucharistic prayer at Mass. Is this allowed?

The eucharistic prayer is the summit of the entire Mass, culminating in what it means for the Church to celebrate the Eucharist. *The Roman Missal* offers ten options in English: Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, 3, and 4; two for reconciliation; and four for various needs. Also, an additional three are available for Masses with children. Not all of these options appear regularly in missalettes.

In exercising his office of celebrant, the priest is allowed to offer brief explanations, such as before the preface to the eucharistic prayer, but never during the prayer itself (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 31).

In general, "the Priest will remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass" (*GIRM* 24). The mystery of the Mass "is too great for anyone to permit himself to treat it according to his own whim, so that its sacredness and its universal ordering would be obscured" (*Redemptionis Sacramentum*, 11).

Overall, presiders desire a meaningful ritual experience for those hungering and thirsting for holiness to encounter the living presence of Christ. If some actions and proclamations by presiders appear misguided, they're seldom due to a lack of genuine pastoral care.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Obedient to Jesus' commands, the Church organized the eucharistic liturgy into moments which correspond to the words and the actions performed by him on the eve of his passion....In the eucharistic prayer, we give thanks to God for the whole work of redemption, and the offerings become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, FEBRUARY 28, 2018



Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 3
Weekday
Jer 28:1–17
Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday
AUGUST 4
St. John Vianney,
Priest
Jer 30:1–2, 12–15,
18–22
Mt 14:22–36 or
Mt 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday
AUGUST 5
Weekday
Jer 31:1–7
Mt 15:21–28

Thursday
AUGUST 6
Transfiguration
of the Lord
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14
2 Pt 1:16–19
Mt 17:1–9

Friday
AUGUST 7
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7
Mt 16:24–28

Saturday
AUGUST 8
St. Dominic,
Priest
Hb 1:12–2:4
Mt 17:14–20

Sunday
AUGUST 9
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a
Rom 9:1–5
Mt 14:22–33

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 2, 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 55:1–3
Rom 8:35, 37–39
Mt 14:13–21



A Free Meal, but with Demands

When God invites you to a meal, you never have to pay. It might be free, but it does have its demands. In fact, you are expected to open yourself to a total transformation. In the first reading, Isaiah mentions the renewal of an everlasting covenant. Perhaps a small dinner fee might be easier to handle.

This reading is quite tender. The needy are invited to a meal of grain, wine, and milk. Their neediness might explain why the meal is free. The invitation is magnanimous: "Come to me...that you may have life" (Isaiah 55:3). The Gospel story of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves reveals the same magnanimity. Jesus feeds all those who have followed him, no questions asked. This story follows a long tradition of miraculous feedings, which include the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Elisha multiplying bread (2 Kings 4:42–44). It's natural to wonder just how that bread and those fish were able to satisfy so many, but there is another aspect of the story that should not be overlooked. The words, "He said the blessing, broke

the loaves, and gave them to the disciples" (Matthew 14:19) will appear again in the account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26). Though this was the ritual performed at the daily Jewish meal, the eucharistic allusion is unmistakable.

Perhaps it is the psalm response that throws light on the primary focus of the readings. There the graciousness and kindness of the Lord are acclaimed: "You open wide your hand / and satisfy the desire of every living thing" (Psalm 145:16).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- * Think of the good things in your life that have been given to you free of charge. How grateful are you?
- * Think of the times God has used you to bless others. How grateful are you for this?