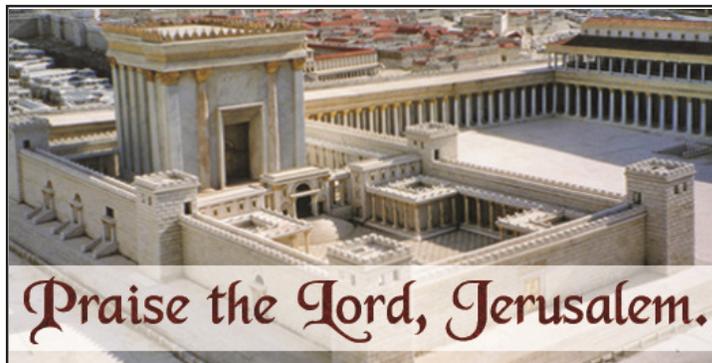


"MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD"

by Fr. Jeremy Myers

John 6:51-58

Once again we celebrate the tremendous Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It occurs each year at this time and allows us an opportunity to reflect on this most wondrous gift that God has given to us through His son, Jesus. We are given nourishment and sustenance for our bodies and spirits through the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Even more so, we are given the opportunity to share in eternal life with God in heaven. As the Lord Jesus says in today's gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." As Yahweh God provided for the Israelites in their desert journey to the Promised Land by means of manna from heaven, now he provides for us in our journey to the Promised Land of heaven by this new bread of life—the body and blood of Christ Jesus who continues to sustain and strengthen us on our way. Of course, the sharing does not end at the altar. Just as Christ Jesus has fed us, so now we are asked to go into the world and provide for others, just as Christ has provided for us. There is a wonderful story that captures this message in a special way. Allow me to tell it as I received it: "A bald, emaciated man lay in the hospital bed, exhausted and weak, after a bone marrow transplant for leukemia. His nurse tiptoed in. 'Mr. Jensen, I'm your nurse, Hannah.' The man barely nodded. Hannah checked his vital signs. 'Would you like some soup?' He shook his head. 'I just want to sleep.' Hannah came back later with medication. He took it and sank back against the pillow. Hannah offered him the paper but he wasn't interested. Feeling defeated and concerned, Hannah left. She went to the nurses' kitchen to pour herself a cup of tea. Then inspiration struck. She grabbed the large teapot, and placed it on a tray with some toast and two cups. Then she headed for Mr. Jensen's room. 'Would I be disturbing you if I have my tea here in your room?' Hannah asked. 'I'd like to watch the news, if it's all right.' 'Not at all,' Mr. Jensen said, but he was clearly taken aback. Hannah put on the television, then poured herself a cup of tea. 'I brought an extra cup, if you'd like some.' 'Maybe I'll have half a cup.' Mr. Jensen and Hannah watched the news in silence, until he nodded off. As she got up to go, he asked, 'Are you in tomorrow?' 'I am, and I'll have tea with you again tomorrow, if you'd like.' 'I'd like that.' The next night Mr. Jensen had two cups of tea and a piece of toast—his first solid food in a month. The third night he and Hannah talked about their families, their hometowns, their lives outside the hospital. The fourth night, he got out of bed and sat in a chair. A few days later, Hannah found Mr. Jensen's room empty. He had recovered enough to go home to recuperate. Some time later Hannah was downtown shopping when she heard a familiar voice. 'Hannah, it's so good to see you!' said Mr. Jensen, as he swept her up in a big hug. 'This is Hannah,' he said, introducing her to his wife. 'She saved my life with a cup of tea.'" There is much truth in that story and its message is at the heart of our celebration today. Out of love, Christ Jesus has given himself to us in bread and asks us to become bread for others, or in this instance, a cup of tea.



Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 19 - 25, 2017

Monday, June 19—Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday, June 20—Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday, June 21—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

9:30 a.m. Communion Service
2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, June 22—Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15

Friday, June 23—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 a.m. Father's Day Novena
(Bilingual) *Deuteronomy 7:6-11; Matthew 11:25-30*

Saturday, June 24—Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. Intentions of Adrian Soltero by Mom & Dad
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Matthew 10:26-33

Sunday, June 25—Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Greyson Pfeiffer and Rita Mitchell by Debbie Mitchell
10:30 a.m. †Garnet McGraw, Jr. by Dee Beaver
12:30 p.m. Parishioners by Pastor
Jeremiah 20:10-13; Matthew 10:26-33

*The flowers on the altar this weekend
were donated by Ed Szafranski
in honor of all fathers, living and deceased.*

STEWARDSHIP

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NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET	\$14,500.00
RECEIVED	\$12,423.33
DIFFERENCE	—\$ 2,076.67
DIFFERENCE YEAR TO DATE	\$ 1,841.29

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"Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith."

William Arthur Ward

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Father's Day Blessings

Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need.

Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family.

Guide every father with the Spirit of your love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and suffering, especially Diana Avila, Rosemary Parker, Rod Reichelt, and Cindy Summerville (daughter-in-law of Art Summerville). May they feel the power of Jesus' loving embrace.

Please remember in your prayers all the faithful departed, especially Caroline Ann Kelsey (infant granddaughter of Debbie Mitchell), who died recently. May God grant her family consolation and comfort through his tender compassion and unending love.

We want to wish a happy anniversary to all couples celebrating a wedding anniversary this week, especially Bob & Lori Fair, Wayne & Jackie Mathewson, Daniel & Norma Nowikowski, and John & Claire Skotnik. May they be a living sign of divine love for the Church.

The Senior Citizens Potluck Luncheon is this Wednesday, June 21st, at noon in the Parish Center.

St. Mary's middle school and high school youth groups, plus any volunteers for our upcoming VBS, will meet on Wednesday, June 21st, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. to begin decorating for VBS. We will meet in the McCullough Center. All youth and volunteers are invited to help get our parish ready for a wonderful week of VBS!



Spanish Baptismal Preparation Class is this Wednesday, June 21st, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

St. Mary's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society will meet this Thursday, June 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Place.

Womens Guild

Women's Guild members are asked to please pay your 2017-18 dues as soon as possible. Dues are \$10 and can be dropped off at the Church Office. Also, if any of your contact information has changed, please let us know your current mailing and email addresses, along with your phone number.

VBS is the week of June 26th - June 30th, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. VBS is for children in grades Pre-K through 6th grade. Registration forms can be filled out in the Parish Center. Please turn them in as soon as possible, as we are placing children in groups. Youth and adult volunteers are also asked to fill out a registration form. Come be a part of VBS this summer! It's always a fun, faith-filled week for all! Email hscheibmeir@stmarych.org with any questions.



St. Mary's Quilters make quilts for clients served by CPS, the Crisis Center, True Options, Great Days of Service and others. This year we donated 31 quilts to comfort those in difficult situations. We gladly accept donations of 100% cotton fabrics, including flannel. We can use all colors, especially children's prints and bright colors, also cotton batting. Please remember us if you have cotton fabrics you'll never use or if you're cleaning out a former quilter's stash. Donations may be taken to the Church Office or call Cindy Miller at 903-893-2298 with questions. We appreciate your gifts and will put them to good use!

The following Mass intentions have been said by Fr. Jeremy in recent weeks: †**Lynn Lee** (2) and †**Jack McGraw** by Dee Beaver; intentions of **Jim & Susan Brown**; intentions of **Marjorie Hass** and intentions of **Dr. Ray Thomas** by Don & Nan Davis; †**Ann Pantuso** by Mark & Alexine Deans; intentions of **Donna Harrison** by Patricia Held; intentions of **Amy Heinen** by Knights of Columbus #1289; †**Alexander Rice** by Dennis & Jean Krawietz; †**Matt Wilson** (2) by Gisela Leard; †**Helen McCullough** by Mary Margaret McCullough; †**Patti Adami**, intentions of **Ann Black**, †**Alan Buck**, †**Lynn Lee**, and †**Ed Vaught** by Tim & Judy McGraw; †**Jerry Hancock**, †**Joe Maier**, †**Mary Ann Maier**, †**Leonard Nelson**, and †**Fern Swank** by Keith & Anna Nelson; †**Maryanne Hooker** by Theresa Petter; †**Andy Rambin** (2) by Jim & Cheryl Rambin; †**Joe**, †**Anne**, and †**Egnella Roewe** by Family; †**Father Jerome** by John & Claire Skotnik; †**Mary Jo Summerville** by Art Summerville; and intentions of **my children** by Marie Walston.

Members of both youth groups enjoyed a pool party in celebration for all of the hard work put into the parish garage sale. Youth groups will not meet on Sunday, June 18th, due to Father's Day.

