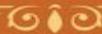




St. Mary's Catholic Church



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. 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."

- Jn 6:48-50

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

8/9: Malta - 8:30 A.M.: Happy Birthday Corky LaBrie ^{r/}_b Joyce Wright Family

8/10: Malta - 5:30 PM: Repose Martin Campbell ^{r/}_b Julie & Gary Howell

8/11: Malta - 8:30 AM: Eric Riggs ^{r/}_b Julie & Gary Howell

8/12: Malta - Hi-Line Retirement Center 10:00 AM: Pekovitch Families ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

8/13: Malta - 8:30 AM: Repose of Lola & Dwain Matthews ^{r/}_b Darlene & Bruce Cummings

8/14: Malta - 4:00 PM: All Diocesan Priests ^{r/}_b Helen DePuydt

8/15: Malta - 10:30 AM: For all Parishioners;

Dodson—8:30 AM: All Catholics ^{r/}_b Lana Fortin

Saco - 4:00 PM: Holy souls in purgatory ^{r/}_b Julie & Gary Howell

Confession Schedule

Fr. Felix will be in the Confessional at St. Mary's Church **Friday's 9:00-10:00, Saturday from 11:00 A.M.—Noon;** and by appointment.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Every **Friday** from **9 to 10 AM** after Daily Mass.



Contact Fr. Felix for Home Visits, Distribution of the Sacraments, Home Blessings and Counseling of any type.



Knights of Columbus
Council 2124

Parish Council of Catholic
Women

Meets **First Tuesday** of the month

Meets **Second Sunday** of the month

Daily Scripture Readings

8/8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalms 34:2-9; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

8/9: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr; Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Psalms 147:12-15, 19-20; Matthew 17:22-27

8/10: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr; 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-9; John 12:24-26

8/11: St. Clare, Virgin; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalms 66:1-3, 5 & 8, 16-17; Matthew 18:15-20

8/12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; Joshua 3:7-10, 13-17; Psalms 114:1-6; Matthew 18:21—19:1

8/13: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; Joshua 24:1-13; Psalms 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24; Matthew 19:3-12

8/14: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr; Joshua 24:14-29; Psalms 16:1-2, and 5, 7-8, 11; Matthew 19:13-15

8/15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Revelations 11:19; 12:1-6, 10; Psalms 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday—Dodson—8:30 a.m.

Malta - 10:30 a.m.

Saco—4:00 p.m.



New to the Parish?

Welcome! We're glad you will be joining us. If you would like to register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. You may bring it by the parish office or send it to us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

You may also use this form for a change of address. Thanks!

Sacraments

Confessions: See page 2 of this week's bulletin for schedule or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact Fr. Felix as soon as possible for anointing.

Baptism: Normally celebrated at weekend Masses. Parental sessions are required.

Marriages: Six month couple preparation period required. Please meet with Fr. Felix before scheduling marriage date.

Please Pray For

Eric Engebretson, Linda Brown, Merlyn Metz, Missy Boos, Corrine Hould, Chayten Pippin, and those from our area serving in the military.

For the repose of the souls of Marty Campble, Alice Hanson, Wink Cole, Barb Darrah, the Poor Souls in Purgatory, and for comfort and peace for their families.

Anyone who needs to have prayers said for someone can call Jean Niebur at 654-2822 and Dianne Salsbery 654-4675. Names will be listed in the bulletin for one month unless specified.

Everyday Stewardship

What's Your Hearth Cake?

“Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.” I’ve been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don’t know what it is exactly. Maybe it’s just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it’s about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we’re all just nicer people when we’re fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have

neglected your relationship with God — when you haven’t fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that’s your hearth cake. That’s your jug of water. Don’t neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: “Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you.”

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Jesus has a deep and personal longing to have you for himself.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Thank you for all your prayers and financial support! Although we’re not “passing the basket”, we still need your generous donations. You can drop off your donations at the baskets in the front of the church, mail them to Box 70, Malta, MT 59538.

There is no longer online giving. Direct deposits from your account into your parishes account is available. Please contact Mariah for routing numbers

Pope Francis’ Intention

The Church

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.

Fr. Felix

XIX Sunday (B): I Kgs 19:4-8, Eph 4:30-5:2, Jn 6:41-51

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, today, we are living in a world where people of all races and creeds hunger more for spiritual sustenance than for physical food. In response to the spiritual hunger of people in his own day, Jesus, in today's Gospel passage proclaims Himself to be "the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven." It is through Jesus, the Bread of Life, that we have access to the Divine life during our earthly pilgrimage to God.

First reading explains that King Ahab of Israel married a pagan queen, Jezebel, who imported pagan worship into Israel. The prophet Elijah challenged 450 of the pagan god Baal's prophets, defeated them in a public sacrifice-contest. The furious Queen Jezebel sent soldiers to kill the prophet. Elijah fled for his life with discouragement and frustration. He collapsed in the only available shade and awaiting a speedy death. God heard His prayer and sent an angel to feed him and strengthen him in his flight. The miraculous food sustained him through a 40-day pilgrimage to Horeb (Mount Sinai), where Elijah would be commissioned again as God's prophet to carry on the struggle and to anoint his successor. Like Elijah, all of us learn to recognize our weakness and frailty and are able to experience God's empowering grace which is capable of transforming our powerlessness and discouragement. As the prophet Elijah was miraculously provided food for his journey, Jesus strengthens us in our pilgrimage to Heaven by the Bread from Heaven, namely, the Holy Eucharist.

In today's second reading St. Paul advises both, the converted Jews and the converted Gentiles to have peaceful, communal Christian living

who were formerly enemies. St. Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians that their discipleship must be guided by the virtues of compassion and forgiveness, avoiding "bitterness, fury, shouting, and reviling which would grieve the Holy Spirit of God." They should live their lives, offering their sufferings as sacrifices pleasing to God, just as Jesus, "the Bread from Heaven," offered himself as a "sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma." It is Faith that strengthens us to live this way, doing the right thing in our relationships with others, in a world filled with terror and violence.

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' discourse in the synagogue at Capernaum a day after miraculously feeding five thousand in the wilderness. During the discourse, Jesus reveals that he is the true "Bread of Life that came down from Heaven," to give life to the world. "Manna" was God's gift rained down "from Heaven" upon the Chosen People; Jesus, however, is the new and perfect manna as the Incarnate Son of God, literally "come down from Heaven." This means that the Bread we consume in the Eucharist is more than just a guarantee that one day we'll have eternal life. This Bread actually gives us a share of that eternal life while we are still on earth. But some of those who had just witnessed Jesus' ability to supply them with earthly food turned away when Jesus identified His Heavenly Origin as the Divine Source of His miraculous powers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Religious Education begins September 15th at 6:30 PM for all age groups. Please register your youth early so the appropriate number of education material can be ordered. Registration forms and class schedules can be found in the back of the church.
- The Knights of Columbus BBQ cook off competition is next Saturday. Bbq competition, cornhole tournament, vendors, breweries, Bouncy House and waterslide, Dunking Booth, Silent Auction, calcutta, burgers and dogs from 11 to 4. Bbq brisket feed at 6pm (\$10 a plate) and music.

“It is very important for us to know that Jesus is thirsting for our love, for the love of the whole world...Ask yourself: have I heard Jesus directly say this word to me personally? ‘I thirst. I want your love.’...If our hearts are pure, really surrendered to Him, this thing becomes part of our thirst to love him better.” St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Gospel Meditation

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all

of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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Mass Intentions

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of having Masses celebrated for those we offer up in prayer. The Mass is the ultimate form of prayer, and each Mass is celebrated for an intention. We ask \$10.00 per mass intention.

Please consider having Masses celebrated for family and friends on special occasions

and anniversaries, as well as those who are in need of prayers. Masses are also encouraged in memory of those loved ones who have died, especially on the anniversaries of their deaths. Please contact Fr. Felix for more information.



Sacrificial Giving for 8-1

	8-1	Needed	Direct Deposit
Malta:	\$1,117.50	\$3475.50	\$25.00
Dodson:	\$256.00	\$416.18	\$0.00
Saco:	\$321.00	\$470.96	\$50.00

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Please send bulletin announcements to office@SaintMarysMalta.org by Thursday evening. Thanks!

Word of Life from the USCCB

August 8th

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack

of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

Weekly Reflection from Priests for Life

Sanctuary of Life

“From within the heart of the world, the family has a decisive and determinative relationship with life. As a Sanctuary of life, the family must welcome it, defend it, accompany it during its development, especially during the whole process of its education....The family lovingly

bears witness to the uniqueness of new life....The instruction of the Didache, “Thou shalt not kill the child in its mother’s womb” (2, 1), incorporated into the living tradition of the Church, must resound even today from the heart of every household. Only God is the Lord of life!”

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts as well as being a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the oldest holy days in the Church, with accounts of celebrations going back to the sixth century. Christians in the East, both Catholic and Orthodox refer to it as the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos, or "the falling asleep of the Mother of God." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and it recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

An Official Belief

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in an Apostolic constitution known as the *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." As a dogma, the Assumption is a required belief of all Catholics. Anyone who publicly dissents from the dogma, Pope Pius declared, "has fallen away completely from the divine and Catholic Faith."

While members of the Eastern Orthodox church believe in the Dormition, they object to the papal definition of the dogma, seeing it as unnecessary, since belief in Mary's bodily assumption, tradition holds, goes back to apostolic times.

2021 BBQ COMPETITION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH

MALTA MT
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #2124

- **BRISKET - \$250/TEAM**
(2 BRISKETS PROVIDED)
- **COOKS CHOICE - \$50/ENTRY**

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