



**July 25, 2021- 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**4:45pm Evening Vespers prior to 5:30pm Mass**

**Reading 1: 2 Kings 4:42-44** Elisha the prophet feeds 100 people with 20 barley loaves.  
**Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18** The Lord feeds his people and answers their needs.  
**Reading II: Ephesians 4:1-6** The Ephesians are encouraged to live the unity of their Baptism.  
**Gospel: John 6:1-15** Jesus feeds the crowd of more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

**Catholic Student Association**

*We are a community of faith and caring.*

Residence halls open Wed., Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Orientation for new students – Aug 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>  
**First day of instructions: Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**  
Needing a ride to Catholic gatherings off campus this summer? Contact Mary Pat Boger in advance of event at: 907-374-9564.

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**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions – July 2021**  
**Social Friendship**

We pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**Let Us Pray For:** Pope Francis; Bishop Chad Zielinski, Fr. Robert Fath, priests, seminarians, religious, deacons, & all volunteers serving in Diocese of Fairbanks; Dot Keith Bray's granddaughter – Reagan & her family, Carol Johnson's brother Ron Drewiany, Ben Orr, Sean Tucker, Dorothy Keith, Mike Johnson, Jim Radigan; the faithful departed; all involved with Golden Days and Tanana Valley Fair.

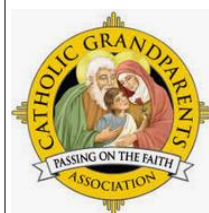
**July 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30pm Mass Hymns:**



330 O Sacrament Most Holy  
320 Gift of Finest Wheat  
332 Pan De Vida  
589 I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light  
*Contact George Stefan after Mass to learn more about joining our Music Ministry!*

**Dates to Remember:**

- ✚ **Our old St. Mark Gmail account will be phased out starting August 1<sup>st</sup> and will no longer be used.** Please direct all email to our new account at [stmark@cbna.org](mailto:stmark@cbna.org).
- ✚ **Reconciliation can be heard at SHC, Sat. 3-4pm.**
- ✚ **July 25<sup>th</sup>:** World Day for Grandparents and Elderly
- ✚ **July 29<sup>th</sup> Beloved Marriage Prep.** Series: 6:30-8:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Contact Fr. Tom at [tkuffel@cbna.org](mailto:tkuffel@cbna.org) or 907-434-6117 or Deacon Sean & Jodi Stack at [stackcompanyinc@gmail.com](mailto:stackcompanyinc@gmail.com).
- ✚ **August 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>:** Priestly Formation Days. Mass at 12:10pm at the Cathedral.
- ✚ **August 4<sup>th</sup>:** *Mass for the Reconciliation and Healing for our Native Alaskan Communities.* Following the Mass there will be a luncheon in the social hall of SHC. Participants are encouraged to bring a side dish to share.
- ✚ **August 14<sup>th</sup>:** Sr. Dorothy Giloley, SSJ, will be in providing a special “*Year of St. Joseph*” retreat at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Social Hall. Please pre-register using the link on the flyer or email or text your reservation to the number or address provided. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registering helps to plan the correct number for materials and food. The retreat will offer the opportunity to obtain special indulgences that are offered in this year honoring St. Joseph.



The institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. It was in the home of Joachim and Ann where the Virgin Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Ann and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother. We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation.

**Commentary on the Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

"He began to cast out those who were selling and buying in (the temple). 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves" (Gospel).



The tears of Jesus! The lashes of His righteous anger! Why does Jesus still weep? Why must He still "cast out?" Because amongst us there are those who desecrate what is consecrate—their baptized, Christened souls! even as Jerusalem, chosen by God, rejects His Christ (Gospel).

Consider what happened to "idolaters," rejecting God; to materialists who lived merely "to eat and drink, and . . . play." War, disease, famine, depression were the penalty. "There fell in one day twenty-three thousand". Yet do not go through life with a fear complex. "God. . . will not permit you to be tempted beyond your strength" (Epistle). Excerpted from *My Sunday Missal*, Confraternity of the Precious Blood <https://liturgy.slu.edu>

**Focusing the Gospel**

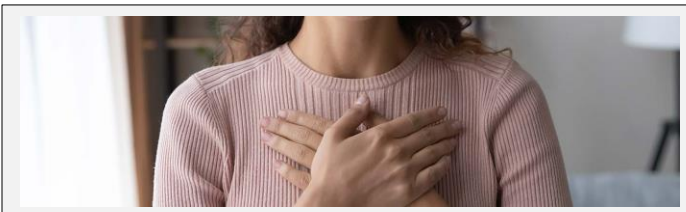
**Key words and phrases:** large crowd was coming to him, Where can we buy enough food, test him, he himself knew what he was going to do, had their fill.

**To the point:** What answer did Philip need to give Jesus to pass the test?

When Jesus asks about where to buy food to satisfy the hunger of the large crowd, he is not thinking about a store and purchases. He is really asking a question about who he is. Jesus knows full well that the "where" of the food will be himself. The superabundance of food Jesus provides from so little is a sign of the fullness of Life—his very self—Jesus gives. So, Philip's answer? "Give them yourself." <https://liturgy.slu.edu>



Beginning on the 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time of Year B for the next five weeks (except for the Solemnity of the Assumption) we are going to hear the Eucharistic chapter of John 6 before we enter back into the Gospel of Mark on the 22nd Sunday. These weeks help us appreciate the solicitous concern the Lord has for both the physical and spiritual well-being of those who love him and are united in the Body of Christ.



**Everyday Stewardship -**

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 25, 2021**

"I urge you to live in the manner in which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (907) 374-9504 or email: [vocations@cbna.org](mailto:vocations@cbna.org).





**What are the seven spiritual works of mercy?** *How can we answer the spiritual needs of friends, family, and even the world?*

Throughout history, the Catholic Church has emphasized the

importance of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In order to spread the Gospel here on earth, we must practice both.

While the corporal works of mercy identify how we can serve others' physical needs, the spiritual works of mercy call us to help each other (and ourselves) spiritually. According to the *Baltimore Catechism*, the seven-spiritual works of mercy are:

1. Admonish the sinner
2. Instruct the ignorant
3. Counsel the doubtful
4. Comfort the sorrowful
5. Bear wrongs patiently
6. Forgive all injuries
7. Pray for the living and the dead

As Catholics, we are called to be our brother's keeper. We are obligated to help one another get to heaven by living out the spiritual works of mercy in ways that are rooted in love and mercy.

If you have a friend who is doubting their faith or doesn't know a lot about Catholicism, the first step is to pray for them. You could also invite them to a Bible study or share a book that may have helped you in your spiritual life.

You can comfort the sorrowful by simply being present to those who are suffering, bringing someone a homemade meal, sending them a card, or listening to their struggles.

Forgiving others and bearing wrongs patiently are essential to our salvation. In the Our Father, we ask God to forgive us our sins against Him just as we forgive others' sins against us. To keep our hearts open to His grace, we must let go of grudges against one another and avoid bitterness.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed>

**Pot 'O' Gold Raffle Tickets** Be A Winner! Knights of Columbus are selling tickets for their annual Pot 'O' Gold cash raffle. You can be a winner by purchasing a \$25 raffle ticket after Mass on the weekend of August 21 & 22 (SHC). Grand prize \$15,000 and fifteen additional prizes totaling \$12,500. The drawing will be held on Saturday, December 11. For more information please contact Tom Malone at 460-1398.

Respect your elders. They made it through school without Google or Wikipedia. Stand up in their presence and show respect.

**INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK**

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing! ©LPi

**The Diocese is Celebrating Christmas In July**

In the back of the church *Our Lady of the Arctic Snows* discounted cards and ornaments are for sale. Please take the quantity you would like and leave the payment in the envelopes that are provided and drop in the parish drop box located in the main office door. Make checks out to CBNA or Catholic Bishop of Northern Alaska.

There will not be a staff member selling them. Please feel free to take items with you and bring your payment back next week.

The back of the ornaments has inscribed, "*Our Lady of the Arctic Snows, Pray For Us. Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska. Established in 1962.*" For more information, contact Patty at 374-9536, ext. 136 or email [pwalter@cbna.org](mailto:pwalter@cbna.org)

**2021 5K for Life | Sun., Aug. 8th | Race Start 1:00p.**

Sign up for FYNDout's 5K to directly support the life-affirming work of FYNDout Free Pregnancy Center. By participating in the race and asking your friends and family to financially sponsor your walk or run, you are making a huge difference in the lives of women, men, and families within your community. **Sign up ASAP to receive a t-shirt and other FYNDout swag while supplies last.** <https://fyndoutfree.com/2021-5k>



After you have completed registration, you will be able to donate as you wish. You can also let your friends and community contribute to your donation by sharing your very own donation page on social media. Children are welcome. This will be a professionally timed race. We can't wait to see you there! **Not a runner? Consider sponsoring someone to join in on the fun**



## Year Of Saint Joseph

### Our Model of Faith and Trust in God

Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am – 4:30pm

Ending with SHC 4:30pm Mass

Guest Speaker: Sr. Dorothy Giloley, SSJ

Hosted By: Sacred Heart Cathedral &  
The Associates of the Sisters of St. Joseph

Pre-Register at: <https://signup.com/go/mvtvphg>

Please find more information on our website:

<https://www.stmarks@uaf.org>



## Stewardship Moment

**“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” JOHN 6:9**

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!

## Parish Stewardship Report



### Last Week's Collection:

June 18, 2021.....\$ 524.00

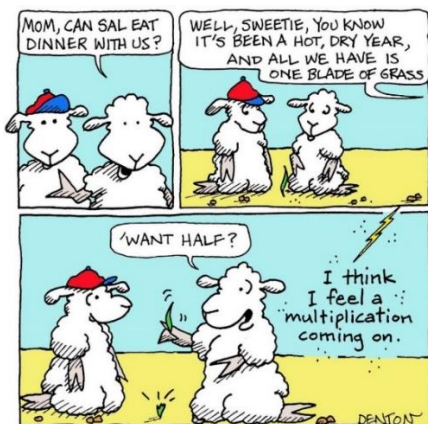
### Actual Collection YTD

(7/1/21-6/31/22): \$ 2,272.50

We encourage parishioners to enroll in the online giving program at our parish. Safe, convenient, and cost-effective way to make your donation.

WeShare can be accessed through our website - <http://www.stmarksuaf.org> under 'Donations'.

Our heartfelt thank you for your generous and continued financial support of our parish through your contributions!



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“They shall eat and there shall be some left over.”

### Sheepish Question:

How can what I have to offer possibly change the world?

## NEIGHBORING PARISH WEEKEND MASSES

(\*=*Live Streamed*)

### Sacred Heart Cathedral 474-9032

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm

Saturday Latin Mass: 6:30pm- Feb 6,13; Mar 13, 27

Sunday: 8:00 & \*11:00am

Sunday Spanish Mass: 1:00pm

St. Mark Sunday Mass: 5:30pm

<https://www.sacredheartak.org/>

### Immaculate Conception 452-3533

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:00am

<https://iccfairbanks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ICCFairbanks>

### Saint Raphael 457-6603

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:30am

<https://www.straphaelfairbanks.org/>

### Saint Nicholas, North Pole 488-2595

<https://signup.com/go/ZjtAQHb>

Saturday Vigil: \*5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 12:00pm

<http://www.stnicholasnp.org/>

### Good Shepherd, Ft. Wainwright

Sunday: 9:00am, SLC

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 – 7:00 pm, SLC

Catholic Women of the Chapel: Wed - 9am, SLC

### Our Lady of Snows, Eielson Air Force Base

Sunday: 10:30am

Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday – 11:30am

### Traditional Latin Mass Schedule:

*All Latin Masses will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral*

Saturdays at 6:30 PM

July 24<sup>th</sup>; Aug 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>; Sept 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; Oct 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>; Dec 18<sup>th</sup>



### Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake ~

**Harding Lake** Fr. Welcome has begun celebrating Sunday Mass at St. Mary's of the Lake on Sundays at 3pm through Labor Day Weekend.

**Traveling?** Check out mass times in Alaska using the following information: <http://dioceseoffairbanks.org/> (Diocese of Fairbanks) and <https://aoaj.org> (Archdiocese of Anchorage Juneau).

Pray for all without access to Mass in our Diocese.