

# 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 11, 2024



## THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

**First:** 1 Kings 19:4

**Second:** Ephesians 4:30–5:2

**Gospel:** John 6:41-51

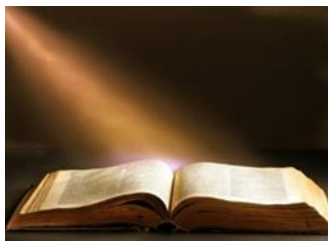
**FOCUS:** Those who receive the Eucharist with eyes of faith can rejoice in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

In the Eucharist, the Lord has given us a great gift: His whole self, body, blood, soul and divinity. This can be challenging to accept because our eyes see what looks like bread. But those who see and receive this gift with the eyes of faith, trusting in the Lord's words that he is the bread of life, can rejoice in his promise of eternal life.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Elijah prays for death but is instead awakened by an angel of the Lord who commands him to eat and drink before traveling to the Lord's mountain, Horeb.

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to imitate God and treat each other lovingly. Jesus responds to the murmurings of the crowd reaffirming his claim that he is the living bread, come down from heaven, source of eternal life.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**5 p.m.:** Richard Mercado, Dolores Townley and Delia Vuksanovich

**10 a.m.:** Asumpta Clara Vulaj, Sandra Bristol-Masci and Vincent LoBosco

## A CLOSER LOOK AT TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus gets to the point of the previous events: Jesus is the living bread. He satisfies our bodies and our souls. The Father sent him to save us from the hunger of our souls. He brings life eternal to our dying souls.

Bread was vital to the Jews. While there were other sources of nourishment, bread remained the most important. Fathers had to see to it that there was always bread for the family. It is in this sense that Jesus presents himself.

The use of bread makes possible a grasping of Jesus' teaching, although it was still hard for the Jews to accept him as the Messiah and a bread whom they could eat.

Bread is produced from wheat seeds that "die" before they are planted. In the same way, meat comes from a carcass or the dead body of an animal. The plan of God was for Jesus to become man, proclaim the Good News, die and resurrect. Out of the death of Jesus, we gain eternal life. Jesus, who died and came back to life, is the living bread, our living bread.

This sustains us when we hope, endure, sacrifice and persevere through all the challenges, tribulations, pain and death, which are part of the human experience. Jesus similarly experienced life, which culminated in his dying on the cross. He was showing us that he rules and has authority over life, which does not end in death but in life eternal. As the living bread, he gives us himself as the answer to life's questions and mysteries.

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

**This Thursday, August 15,** is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.** It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's at 9 a.m. There will be no evening or vigil Mass.

## SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION

The fall Scripture Discussion will focus on the letters of St. Paul to the Philippians and Colossians, which he wrote from prison, and use the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible. What makes this study guide so compelling is the historical, cultural and theological insights that help bridge the biblical world to our own.

The group will meet from 10-11:15 a.m. Mondays via Zoom beginning on **September 16** and will probably continue through November.

Former members and new members are welcome. Contact Gail Van Tassel at 845-457-3432 or [gailvantassel@yahoo.com](mailto:gailvantassel@yahoo.com) to join the group and to get the book for \$14.



## IT'S PARISH PICNIC TIME!

It's right about now that folks start to get antsy for an opportunity to get together. Last year, however, scheduling conflicts precluded a favorite way to do so: **The Parish Picnic.**

Not so this year!

Our dedicated kitchen team will once again be grillin' the chicken, flippin' the burgers and servin' up those tasty sides beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday,

**September 15**, at the Town of Crawford Park on Lybolt Road in Bullville.

Tickets are \$15, and \$35 for an **immediate** family. They'll go on sale after the Masses beginning the weekend of August 24-25 and will also be available through the office.

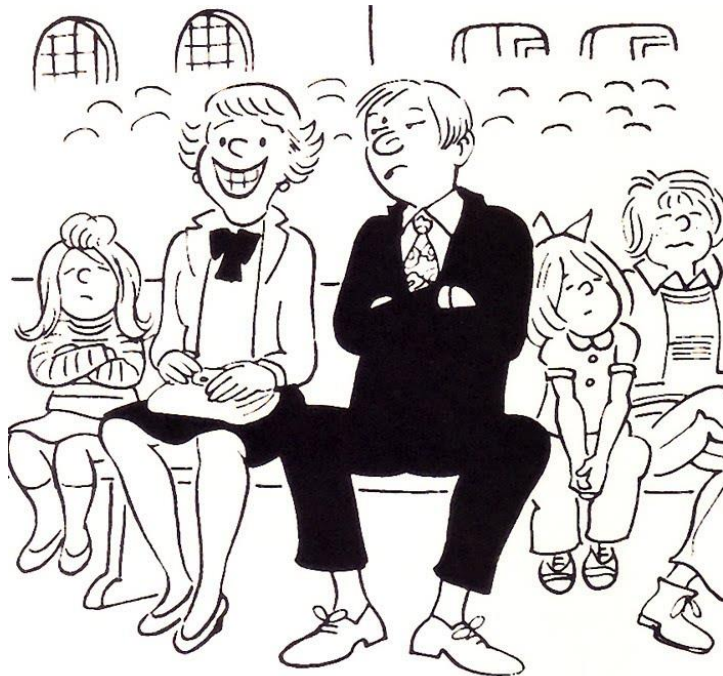


## BACKPACKS TO BE BLESSED

Admit it: Even though the last thing you want to think about right now is school, there's something cool about all those brand-new supplies just waiting to spark your imagination and open your mind to the world.

Sure, everyone is nervous the first day, worrying about finding a classroom or making friends. But it's exciting, too, wondering about all you'll discover this year.

Fr. Sean and your St. Paul's family want you to know we're with you in prayer and spirit. So, at the 10 o'clock Mass on **August 25**, Fr. Sean will invite all students, pre-K through teens, to come to the altar with their filled backpacks for a special blessing.



*Sullivan 9-8*

**"This is a sermon on death, Emily—stop thinking about the kids going back to school."**

Ed Sullivan, 1996

## LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. – 53  
10 a.m. – 129

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

**July 29- August 4: \$ 5,976.20**

Envelopes: \$ 3,249.00 – Online: \$ 2,727.20

**THANK YOU!**

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELECTRONIC GIVERS



We would like to thank the 136 families who are currently giving electronically

You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed. Each month, our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred via our Online Giving Program.

Plus, there are no more checks to write out to put in the envelopes that sometimes get left behind on the kitchen table anyway!

If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, check out the link on our website at [www.stpaulsbullville.org](http://www.stpaulsbullville.org).

## AT THE SHRINE

**PRAYER CONFERENCE**

"The Prayer of Quiet"

10:15 a.m. Thursday, August 22

Presenter: Fr. Paul Denault, O.Carm.

**MONTHLY ITALIAN MASS**

4:30 p.m. Saturday, August 24

This is a Vigil Mass for Sunday, August 25.

**BUS TRIP TO CANADA**

September 9-13 to Montreal and Quebec City

Bus transportation, hotels and two meals included. Call Carol Bezak, director of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Middletown, for information about this trip or any other event at 845-343-1879 Ext. 22.

