

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the last few years there has been much concern over the job market. While some states are still dealing with significant unemployment percentages, others, such as North Dakota with its booming energy industry, are at nearly a record low. Commentators have been saying for months that the unemployment statistics will weigh heavily in this fall's presidential election. Since Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, the church has emphasized the dignity of labor as one of the keystones of a just society and a well-ordered economy. Unbridled capitalism has never been an accepted goal in a theology that always seeks to uphold the common good.

In the Gospel for today, Jesus is asked by the crowd, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" after He tells them not to work for food that will perish. His response is that the work of God is to believe in the One God sent.

The workplace of today is vastly different from that of the past. Many businesses and employers have restrictions on what an employee can even have at his or her workstation. But there may be times when it is possible to bear witness to the faith even in the most restrictive of environments. Something as simple as wearing a discreet religious emblem, or sharing a story from church on Sunday, can gently open up a conversation about belief. That can lead to an opportunity to share more or even the chance to invite someone to come to church with you. A simple response like, "I'm blessed today," to the question of, "How are you?" can help frame one's understanding of life in reference to God. It is then easier share that approach to life in a non-threatening way with others. We don't necessarily need big signs in daily life to promote our faith in Christ. But it is our work to do so in any way that we can.

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Everyday Stewardship

I love watching travel shows hosted by Anthony Bourdain. I can't say I agree with everything in his philosophy of life, but you have to respect someone willing to eat anything, in any part of the world. He demonstrates to his viewers that the world is more interesting and diverse than we allow ourselves to believe. If the Internet makes our world smaller, watching his travels on a television screen makes the world seem big again.

He has a saying that I find very thought provoking: "Good food and good eating are about risk." Giving oneself the chance to discover something new and wonderful sometimes requires us to step outside our comfort zone. We can choose to continue ordering chicken nuggets and mac and cheese just like a child all our lives, or we can risk it and try something from a place outside of our everyday environment.

In the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus speaks to the crowd about bread that he provides that will take away our hunger for all else in this world. They immediately ask to be given this bread. He responds, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." What those in the crowd perhaps do not yet understand is that to partake in this bread will entail a great risk! Yes, they will hunger and thirst for nothing else, but they will also enter into a reality filled with trial, temptation, and persecution. They will also be asked to give all they have and live a life totally indebted to Jesus for the sharing of this bread.

But make no mistake this bread is very good. It is the best, and to partake in the best requires risk. Faithful Christians for two thousand years have proven Anthony Bourdain to be correct.

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YOU DID it FOR ME!

Charles wanted to work full-time, but needed a job that would accommodate his visual impairment. His persistence paid off when he was offered what seemed to be the perfect job—except it was four blocks from the nearest bus route, making it nearly impossible for Charles to get there safely. Thankfully, a transportation program run by his local Catholic Charities agency enabled him to accept the job and make strides towards self-sufficiency.

See what love the Father has given us. That we should be called the children of God; and that is what we are.

1 John 5:1

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

To place a notice in the bulletin, information must be in the office by the Monday prior to the weekend to be published. During Holidays the information must be in the office 2 weeks prior to the weekend to be published.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!
Psalm 46:10

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Mass Intentions

Monday, 8:30 am	Aug. 3 Soul of Jim Mueller
Tuesday, 8:30 am	Aug. 4 Welfare of Ben & Kristen King Family
Wednesday, 8:30 am	Aug. 5 Souls of Elmer & Alice Huth
Thursday, 8:30 am	Aug. 6 Soul of Clara Hughes
Friday, 5:00 pm	Aug. 7 Soul of Virginia Wilondek
Saturday, 4:30 pm	Aug. 8 Living & Deceased of Paul Graham Family
Sunday, 8:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm (Spanish)	Aug. 9 Welfare of Rita Couture Parish Community

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Ministers for August 5th & 9th

Lectors

4:30 pm	Vince Helmkamp
8:00 am	Doug Jansen
10:30 am	VOLUNTEER

Hospitality

4:30 pm	Mary Parker & Nancy Ziebell
8:00 am	Linda & Tom Jansen
10:30 am	Paul Simon & James Neal

Altar Servers

4:30 pm	Anthony Phan
8:00 am	Ben & Jack Jansen
10:30 am	Irais Ibarra

Eucharistic Ministers

4:30 pm (Host)	VOLUNTEER
8:00 am (Host)	Chris Jansen
10:30 am (Host)	Kelli Monroe

Children's Church

No Children's Church

Money Counters for August 9th

Tom & Mary Jo Hullinger & Diane Peachy

Sacristans for August

Susan Jansen & Peg Sanders

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is made up of parishioners who pray for the intentions of other parishioners and their family/friends, upon receiving their prayer request. Our members appreciate being able to serve and be a blessing to others through one of the greatest gifts we have been given - prayer! To put a request on the prayer chain contact . Wendy Smith 347-2937

IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Sunday	Aug. 2 Food Pantry Collection START OF SETUP FOR RUMMAGE SALE
Monday	Aug. 3 Rosary 8:10am
Tuesday	Aug. 4 Rosary 8:10am Parish Council 7pm
Wednesday	Aug. 5 Rosary 8:10am All Day Adoration—Benediction 6PM
Thursday	Aug. 6 Rosary 8:10am
Friday	Aug. 7 Rosary 4:40pm RUMMAGE SALE
Saturday	Aug. 8 Rosary 4:10pm RUMMAGE SALE
Sunday	Aug. 9 Rosary by Rosary Sodality COFFEE & DONUTS



SETUP FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE BEGINS AFTER MASS THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY. IF YOU WISH TO HELP IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED BOTH FOR THE SETUP AND THE SALE. SETUP WILL CONTINUE ALL WEEK WITH THE SALE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. AUGUST 7TH & 8TH

August 15 Mass and Consecration at the Cathedral

All are invited to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne for a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Rhoades at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 15th—the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During the Mass Jessica Hayes, a theology teacher at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, will be officially consecrated to a life of virginity.

A consecrated virgin is called to a spousal union with Christ lived in the midst of the world. She takes a life-long vow of virginity for the purpose of giving herself more fully to Jesus through a life of prayer. She continues to live and work among the lay faithful, and discerns her specific service to the Church with her local bishop.

Please come to celebrate the Assumption and participate in this extraordinary life.

Readings for the Week of August 2, 2015

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

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