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18th Ordinary Sunday - August 2, 2020

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Office Hours :

Tuesday to Friday
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses :

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:30 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 9:00 AM

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Sunday : 11:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

St. Stanislaus - Copper Cliff

Friday : 9:00 AM to 9:15 AM

St. Pius X - Lively

Saturday : 4:00 PM to 4:15 PM

St. Christopher - Whitefish

Sunday : 8:30 AM to 8:45 AM

Baptism :

Usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month.
Please make arrangements one month in
advance by contacting the Parish Office.

Marriages :

Please make marriage arrangements
9 months in advance by contacting the
Parish office. Saturday weddings are
scheduled at 1:00 PM.

Other Sacraments :

Contact Parish Office

Bulletin Announcements :

Email yours to

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Before 12:00 PM Wednesday

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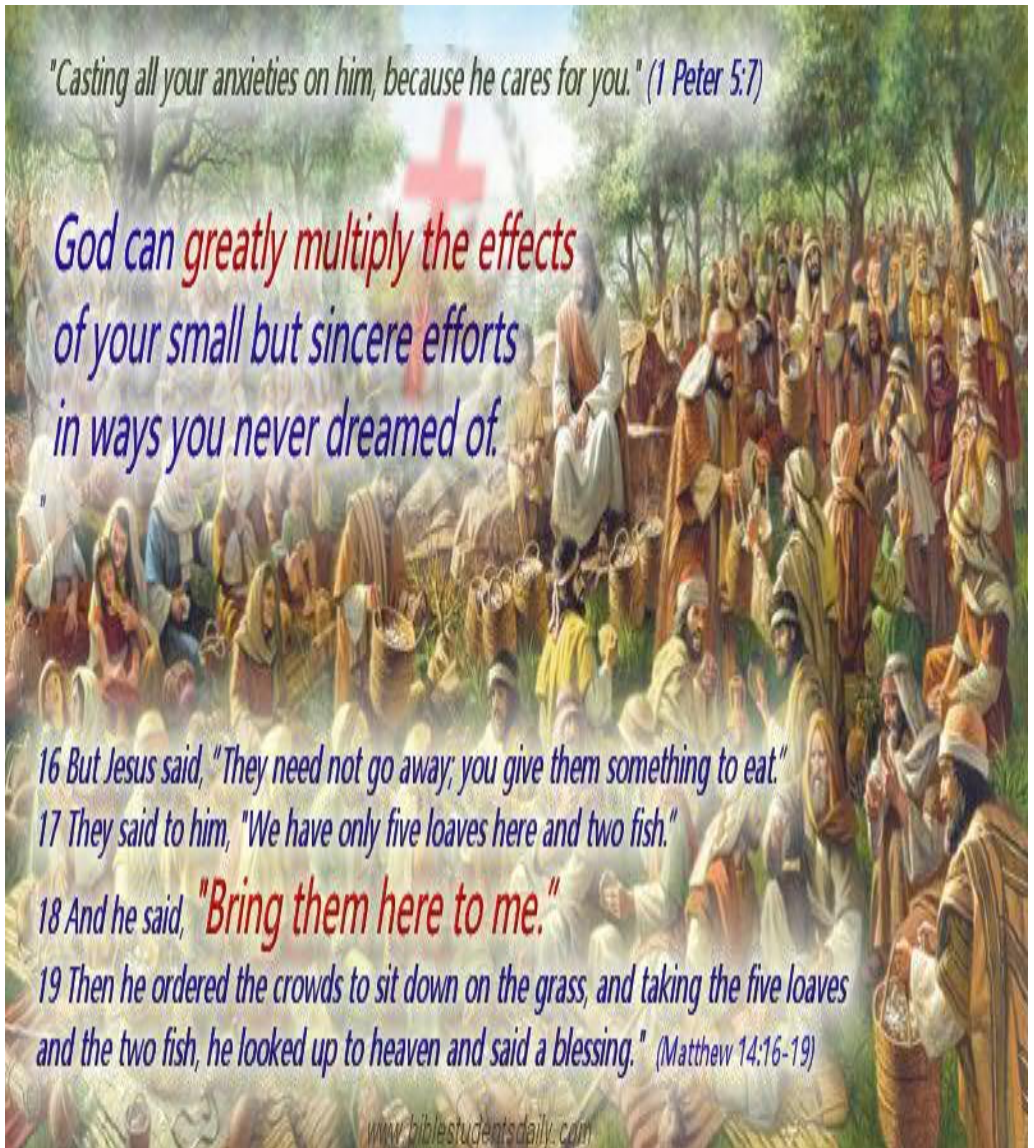
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Mission Statement :

By our Baptism, we are committed to
celebrate the presence of Christ in Word
and Sacrament and are continually
called to build our lives in the image of
Christ. Through liturgy and ministry, we
strive to bring ourselves closer to God
and to each other, by building a strong
community of believers and a joyous
family of God.



Welcome Back!

**The parishioners are strongly advised to attend their
own Parish due to the seating capacity of the Church.**

You can reach the Office by Phone only

Tuesday to Thursday - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thank you!



Tuesday, August 4

09:30 AM Mass

Wednesday, August 5

09:30 AM Mass

Thursday, August 6

09:30 A:M Mass

Friday, August 7

09:30 AM Mass

† Elena Calvano

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Saturday, August 8

04:30 PM St. Pius X, Lively

For the People entrusted to the Pastor

Sunday, August 9

09:00 AM St. Christopher, Whitefish

† Lionel Gauthier by Rene Gauthier

11:00 AM St. Stanislaus, Copper Cliff

† Raymond Hearty by Gary & Jane Favot

The Rosary is recited before
Saturday and Sunday Mass.

The Cenacle of the Marian Movement of priests
is held each **Tuesday at 9:15 AM**
at **St. Christopher's Church, Whitefish.**

A **Prayer Line** is available for parishioners.
Anyone wishing to pray for a
special Intention, for someone who is **ill**,
having **surgery**, for the **deceased**, or
any other intention may contact
the Prayer Line.

Mass Intentions

Offering Masses is a long standing
tradition in the Catholic Church.

**An Individual may ask a priest to offer a
Mass for several reasons.**

For example, in Thanksgiving, for the
intentions of another person (such as on a
Birthday or an **Anniversary**), for someone
who is **sick** or for the **repose of the soul** of
someone who has died.

Call the Parish Office: 705-682-4683

18th Ordinary Sunday

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 145

**You open your hand to feed us, Lord
and satisfy our needs.**

Weekdays Scripture Readings: August 3 to August 9, 2020

Day	Reading	Gospel
Monday	Jeremiah 28:1-17	Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday	Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-22 - St. Jean-Marie Vianney	Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday	Jeremiah 31:1-7	Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 - Transfiguration of the Lord	Matthew 17:1-9
Friday	Nahum 1:15; 2:2; 3:1-3, 6-7	Matthew 16:24-26
Saturday	Habakkuk 1:12-24 - St. Dominic	Matthew 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:22-33

18th Ordinary Sunday - Matthew 14:13-21 - By Pope Francis

The Gospel presents to us the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish (Mt 14:13-21). Jesus performed it along the Lake of Galilee, in a deserted place where he had withdrawn with his disciples after learning of the death of John the Baptist. But many people followed them and joined them there; and upon seeing them, Jesus felt compassion and healed their sick until the evening. And seeing the late hour, the disciples became concerned and suggested that Jesus send the crowd away so they could go into the villages and buy food to eat. But Jesus calmly replied: "You give them something to eat" (Mt 14:16); and he asked them to bring five loaves and two fish, blessed them, began to break them and give them to the disciples, who distributed them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and there were even leftovers!

We can understand three messages from this event. The first is *compassion*. In facing the crowd who follows him and - so to speak - "won't leave him alone", Jesus does not react with irritation; he does not say: "These people are bothering me". No, no. He reacts with a feeling of compassion, because he knows they are not seeking him out of curiosity but out of need. But attention: compassion - which Jesus feels - is not simply feeling pity; it's more! It means to *suffer with*, in other words to empathize with the suffering of another, to the point of taking it upon oneself. Jesus is like this: he suffers together with us, he suffers with us, he suffers for us. And the sign of this compassion is the healing of countless people he performed. Jesus teaches us to place the needs of the poor before our own. Our needs, even if legitimate, are not as urgent as those of the poor, who lack the basic necessities of life. We often speak of the poor. But when we speak of the poor, do we sense that this man or that woman or those children lack the bare necessities of life? That they have no food, they have no clothing, they cannot afford medicine.... Also that the children do not have the means to attend school. Whereas our needs, although legitimate, are not as urgent as those of the poor who lack life's basic necessities.

The second message is *sharing*. The first is compassion, which Jesus felt, and the second is sharing. It's helpful to compare the reaction of the disciples with regard to the tired and hungry people, with that of Jesus. They are different. The disciples think it would be better to send them away so they can go and buy food. Jesus instead says: "you give them something to eat". Two different reactions, which reflect two contrasting outlooks: the disciples reason with worldly logic, by which each person must think of himself; they reason as if to say: "Sort it out for yourselves". Jesus reasons with God's logic, which is that of sharing. How many times we turn away so as not to see our brothers in need! And this looking away is a polite way to say, with white gloves, "Sort it out for yourselves". And this is not Jesus' way: this is selfishness. Had he sent away the crowds, many people would have been left with nothing to eat. Instead those few loaves and fish, shared and blessed by God, were enough for everyone. And pay heed! It isn't magic, it's a "sign": a sign that calls for faith in God, provident Father, who does not let us go without "our daily bread", if we know how to share it as brothers.

Compassion, sharing. And the third message: the miracle of the loaves foreshadows the *Eucharist*. It is seen in the gesture of Jesus who, before breaking and distributing the loaves, "blessed" them (Mt 14:19). It is the same gesture that Jesus was to make at the Last Supper, when he established the perpetual memorial of his Redeeming Sacrifice. In the Eucharist Jesus does not give just any bread, but *the* bread of eternal life, he gives Himself, offering Himself to the Father out of love for us. But we must go to the Eucharist with those sentiments of Jesus, which are compassion and the will to share. One who goes to the Eucharist without having compassion for the needy and without sharing, is not at ease with Jesus.

Compassion, sharing, Eucharist. This is the path that Jesus points out to us in this Gospel. A path which brings us to face the needs of this world with fraternity, but which leads us beyond this world, because it comes from God the Father and returns to Him. May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, accompany us on this journey.

Ordination Announcement - Mr. Chad Franklin

In a spirit of joy-filled thanksgiving, the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie announces the Ordination of Mr. Chadwick Franklin to the Transitional Diaconate. The Sacrament of Holy Orders of a Deacon will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Marcel Dampousse at Christ the King Church, Sudbury on Friday, August 14. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the ordination, for both clergy and laity, will be by invitation only. Please remember Chad in your prayers as he prepares to be ordained to the Ministry of Deacon. The ordination will be live-streamed on August 14 at 12:00pm at www.christthekinglive.com

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