



# MINISTERS



## LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR AUGUST 25/26, 2018

	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION		
3:30 p.m.	Kathy Poole	Debbie Kennedy	Dan Cook	Volunteer
12:00 noon	Amy Baldwin	Yvonne Miller	Chyane Collins	Anita O'Connor

**COLLECTION COUNTER:** Jerry Uhl & Jackie Soards



## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 19**

12:00 Noon Spangler & Stuckey Families  
(Larry & Susan Stuckey)

**Tuesday, August 21**

11:00 a.m. Jack Hirsch (St. Benignus Seniors)

**Friday, August 24**

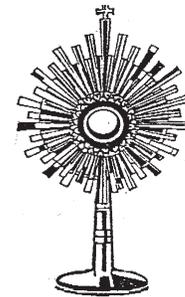
12:00 Noon Jack Hirsch (Bob & Kathy Dye)

**Saturday, August 25**

3:30 p.m. Alfred Seigle (Dan & Teresa Allison)

**Sunday, August 26**

12:00 Noon Roy & Evelyn Dye  
(Bob & Kathy Dye)



**BENEDICTION EVERY  
TUESDAY MORNING AT 11:00 A.M.**



## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need .....\$ 1,900.00

**Collection August 11/12, 2018**

Envelopes & Loose .....\$ 2,017.00

Variance.....+\$ 117.00  
(1☺)

SVDP.....\$ 256.00



YTD NEED STARTING 7/8/18 .....\$ 11,400.00

YTD COLLECTION .....\$ 10,409.00

VARIANCE.....- \$ 991.00

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August 14...Peggy Strahler

August 20...Brad Hays

August 22...Cathy Fox

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Thank you St. Benignus Parishioners! With your help, we served our community in these ways:



- The April toilet paper supplied grateful clients for 2 months! We added cleaning supplies such as baking soda, vinegar and Dawn dish detergent. The SVDP also now offers toothpaste, laundry detergent, antibacterial bar soap and spray bottles (to mix the soda, vinegar and Dawn).
- The SVDP conducts the annual school supply drive of which helps Greenfield students.
- We have found another organization to help with clients who need furniture, and three more options to help with free medical transportation to allow our funds to stretch further.
- In May and June, we kept 14 families connected to their utilities.
- The SVDP provided food, toilet paper and cleaning supplies for over 100 individuals.
- The SVDP has its own phone number so that donations from our area stay in our area (new signs are up in the Religious Education Center).
- And for the first time, SVDP will be hosting a District meeting in December.

If you would like to find out how else you can serve through SVDP, just ask any of our officers (Alba Shank, Gene DeBruin, Margaret Mobley, Kristy Bockrath).

**PSR/RCIA: PSR (Parish School Religion) and RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programs will also be starting on September 9th, 2018.** A sign-up sheet will be in the back of the Church for you enroll your child/children in class. RCIA adults who would like to come into the Catholic Church or learn more about the Catholic Church will also have a sign-sheet.



**Teachers/aides are need.** If you think this might be something that you could help with, please contact Susan Stuckey (740-335-1289) or the Office (937-981-2785).

**Choir:** If you are interested in joining the Choir, please come to practice on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. in the Church. Everyone is welcome. Those who are tone deaf and sing off key will not be turned away.



**Sunday, August 19**

**20th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

1:00 p.m. Church Picnic – Fr. Lay Hall

**Tuesday, August 21**

6:00 p.m. Choir – Church

**Saturday, August 25**

9:00 a.m. Rosary – Religious Ed. Building

**Sunday, August 26**

**21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**

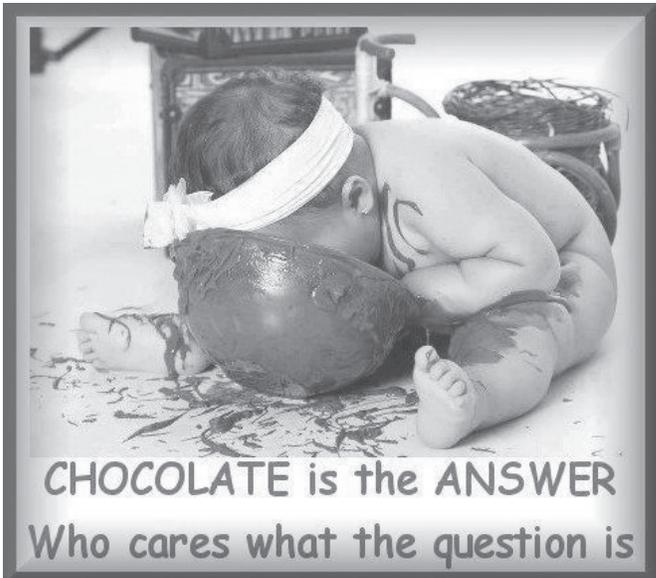
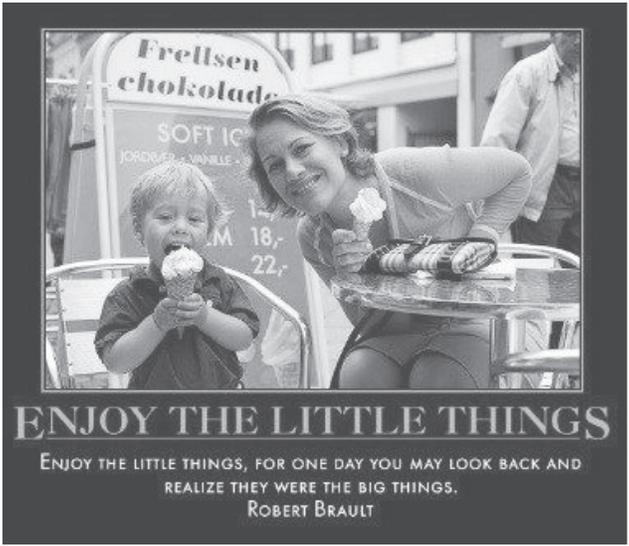
## LAUGHTER IS GOOD



Once my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. He kept leaving little messages around the house.

One Sunday, a pastor found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool."

He shared the letter with the congregation and announced, "I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of someone signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."



## SERMON FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY

I became very sick during my freshman year at St. Fidelis Seminary in 1965. I was weak, tired, and losing a lot of weight. The seminary notified my parents of their concern and asked them to take me to the doctor. The doctor did several blood tests to rule out various diseases. He called in my anxious parents to discuss the results. The diagnosis was a simple one. I was suffering from malnutrition. (Looking at me now it's hard to believe I was once starving.) The reason for this was also simple. We seminarians sat at a long rectangle table. I sat at the end, the furthest away from where the food bowls were served by someone walking down the aisle to each table. That bowl would pass down the table where each seminarian, one by one, would take his helping. By the time it reached me, there was hardly anything left. During those rare times when we all went home for a weekend visit, my mom now understood why I ate like a hungry animal. She joked to dad, "We better get Michael a trough." Mom spent the whole weekend cooking for me. Like a chipmunk, I was storing it away until the next visit. When I went back to the seminary, the doctor recommended I change my seat to the front. Eventually the delivery system would be changed where we would bring our tray to the food counter so everybody got enough.

In this Gospel, Jesus says something very shocking, even more shocking than saying we must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life. Halfway through this Gospel, Jesus changed the word He uses for "eat." In the beginning, Jesus uses a very polite word for the word eat. He uses the word "phage," which means "to dine like at a formal dinner." The religious leaders didn't get the meaning of what Jesus was saying. So Jesus says something shocking, as if to hit the church leaders over the head with a two by four, using a stronger word for "eat."

In verse 54 through 58, Jesus changes the word "eat" from the polite "phage" to the word "trogon," which means to "munch like a hungry animal at a trough." Munching means to eat like you're starving. Did you ever hear someone say "I got the munchies," and then eat a whole bag of chips and deep fried Twinkies? Jesus said, "He who eats (trogon – munches) my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. Verse 55: For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Verse 56: He who eats (trogon – munches) my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. Version 57: As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he who feeds (trogon – munches) on me, he will also live because of me."

Jesus wants you to hunger for His Love as He hungers for your love. He wants you to spiritually devour Him at Holy Communion where He completely gives Himself to you. Like I couldn't get enough of my mom's good cooking, Jesus wants you to never get enough of Him. He always has more to give. God says in Psalm 81:10, "If you open your mouth wide, I will fill it!"

Jesus tells you to get the "spiritual munchies." Hunger for Him. He burns with desire to fill you with all His Love, all His Grace, all His Mercy. Jesus will fill the emptiness of your heart. Come hungry, eat well, be satisfied. Your very life depends on it.