

# SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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# JULY 20, 2025, SINXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,



It's chicken dinner time here in the parish. This week we need all hands on board as we prepare the food for our chicken dinner. Listed below is a whole list of ways you can help out. We'll gather on Thursday to bag the cookies for the dinners and then set kitchen and cafeteria. Friday morning to break bread, crack eggs, debone chickens, chop celery and onions, grind up the chicken and all the other things necessary to get things ready to cook and bake on Sunday. And later in the morning we'll need help making and packaging our delicious sweet and sour slaw. We have to cut up the cabbage, chop

up the carrots, onions, celery and green and red peppers. And of course we'll need "taste testers" for this

so come prepared for that!

One of the added benefits to coming and helping with these projects is that we get to we spend time as well catching up on what's been happening in each other's lives. In case you don't know what to talk about, we like to talk about doctor visits, up coming surgeries and the

different medications we are taking. Of course we are open to other topics as well! So come and join us beginning at 7 am.

Saturday morning we'll also be setting up the carryout area and the chicken frying area so you can help with this as well. And then we can use lots of help Sunday morning preparing the food and packaging all the dinners.

I'm looking forward to spending time together. Once again we will have the chance to make some great memoires together as we continue the tradition of summer socials/picnics that has been going on here in



our parish for over a hundred years.

And, by the way, I want to say a hugh thanks to all the folks who came to roll the dumplings this past Monday. "When the dough was called up yonder you were there! This crew has this job down to an art, working so efficiently and finishing in record time!

Be sure to join us for our "after social" party, Sunday afternoon during which time we will draw the winners for our grand raffle. We'll have a chance to enjoy some burgers and hot dogs and drinks, all compliments of the Men's Club. And we might have some food left over from the dinner to share as well.

Regarding our chicken dinner, If, by chance you didn't get around to buying your chicken dinner tickets, call/text me (812-499-9074) or come by the parish office and we'll see if we can round up some tickets for you. And be sure and get your raffle tickets back to us by next Sunday as well. You can't win if your name is not in the pot!

Leaning into the journey of life, Fr. Gene Schroeder



Thursday--July 24 5 PM bag the desert cookies.

Gather in the meeting room

**6 PM** Put down cardboard in the kitchen, cafeteria and boiler room

#### Friday-July 25

**4:15 AM** Cook the hens for deboning for dumplings and dressing. We will gather at the storage building

**7** AM Come help us clean vegetables, debone chicken, and prepare the ingredients for dressing.

NOON Prepare and package the slaw

#### Saturday-July 26

Saturday Morning set up drive thru area, chicken frying area

**1 PM** Clean Chickens We will gather in the storage building

#### Sunday, July 27

6 AM Start Frying Chicken Making Dressing, Dumplings corn, green beans, mashed potatoes
9 AM Serving Line set up and ready to go
10 AM - 1 PM Fill carryout orders
1-3 PM Clean up
3 PM After Social Party Grand Raffle Drawing



A community of joyful, active, faith-filled people who give thanks to God by generously sharing their individual gifts and talents to serve the needs of all.

#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday—5 PM Sunday—8 & 10:30 AM

RECONCILATION

Saturday 4-4:45 PM

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St. Phillip—August 9 & 10

WEEKEND OF JULY 19-20 5 PM (L) Sis Jarboe (EM) Diane Woods Carolyn Hutchinson, Donald Werner Brandon Werner, 8 AM (L) Tom Blythe (EM) Jean Duncan Marcia Frey, Brian and Ann Craney 10:30 AM (L) Shane Wessel, (EM) Angie Will Sally Kempf, Cecelia Koch Kitty Deig WEEKEND OF JULY 26-27: 5 PM (L) Toni Askins, (EM) Mary Kay Fehrenbacher, Donna Niemeier, Eric and Karen McDonald 8 AM (L) Marcia Frey (EM) Terry Drone Lisa Cook, Rodney and Paula Baehl, Darlene Apple 10:30 AM: (L) Chad Martin, (EM) Paul Hillenbrand, Amy Cody, Jena Wessel, Rachael Schanus

#### IT'S HERE! THE WEEK WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

All the work we have put into our summer social chicken dinner and raffle comes to a head this week. Check out the schedule on the front cover of the bulletin for how you can help with our chicken dinner preparations

#### SUMMER SOCIAL RAFFLE UPDATE

Another 41 families have returned their sold raffle tickets bringing us to a total of 314 families who have sold their packet of raffle tickets and raised \$61,860.00. What a great response so far.

Be sure to get your raffle tickets to us by next Sunday so you will be elgible for the drawing. We will pick the winners at our "after social" party around 3 pm by the storage building.

Thanks to the following families who have returned their tickets

Rick & Joan Lutz Joe & Julie Greubel Dan & Sharon Voelker Jordran & Kelly Wilkinson Joe & Mary Mayer Michael & Becky Raben Luke & Brooke Saetti Zach & Amy Spaetti Leona Englert Jerri Kempf Lee & Jodi Kissel Jim & Jane Scheller Wyatt & Sidney Raben Jim & Diane Werner Adam Reckelhoff Dan & Sharah Kissel Barbara Mills Kathleen Lehman Butch & Linda Feulner Justin & Lena Greubel Kevin & Michelle Luigs Tom & Bryanna Barron Sherri Adler Peter & Jodi Fehrenbacher Eric & Carrie Reffett Joe Crowdus Jeff & Patti Wittgen

Chad & Alison Martin Thomas & Debra Daugherty Joe & Karl Deweese Greg & Amy Elpers Sherry Dile Evan & Stephanie Freeman Ray & Charlene Schapker Betty Hartz Dan & Kathy Schenk Bob & Leisa Loehrlein Mike & Jossie Burk Ron & Lisa Schnieder Nick & Katelyn Behrman Dawn Mossberger Michael & Sarah Wiley Bryan & Karen Trimborn Matt & Jenny Bishop Paul & Beth Stoltz Larry Elfreich Dave & Julie Market Terry & Julie Fehrenbacher Zach & Jennifer Fehrenbacher Leo & Terry Zimmer Rebecca Lang Matt Voelker

DO YOU HAVE TICKETS FOR OUR CHICKEN DINNER? CALL/TEXT US (812-499-9074) AND WE'LL GET THEM TO YOU

### THE LOVE OF THE HEART OF JESUS

We continue reading from Pope Francis' recent letter to the church "On the Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ." CHAPTER FIVE

In contemplating the pierced heart of the Lord, who "took our infirmities and bore our diseases" (Mt 8:17), we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love. As we meditate on Christ's self-offering for the sake of all, we are naturally led

to ask why we too should not be ready to give our lives for others: "We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and that we ought to lay down our lives for one another" (1 Jn 3:16).

ECHOES IN THE HISTORY OF SPIRITUALITY

This bond between devotion to the heart of Jesus and commitment to our brothers and sisters has been a constant in the history of Christian spirituality. Let us consider a few examples.

Being a fountain from which others can drink

Starting with Origen, various Fathers of Church reflected on the words of John 7:38 -



the Church reflected on the words of John 7:38 - "out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water" - which refer to those who, having drunk of Christ, put their faith in him. Our union with Christ is meant not only to satisfy our own thirst, but also to make us springs of living water for others. Origen wrote that Christ fulfils his promise by making fountains of fresh water well up within us: "The human soul, made in the image of God, can itself contain and pour forth wells, fountains and rivers".

Saint Ambrose recommended drinking deeply of Christ, "in order that the spring of water welling up to eternal life may overflow in you". Marius Victorinus was convinced that the Holy Spirit has given of himself in such abundance that, "whoever receives him becomes a heart that pours forth rivers of living water". Saint Augustine saw this stream flowing from the believer as benevolence. Saint Thomas Aquinas thus maintained that whenever someone "hastens to share various gifts of grace received from God, living water flows from his heart".

Although "the sacrifice offered on the cross in loving obedience renders most abundant and infinite satisfaction for the sins of mankind", the Church, born of the heart of Christ, prolongs and bestows, in every time and place, the fruits of that one redemptive passion, which lead men and women to direct union with the Lord.

In the heart of the Church, the mediation of Mary, as our intercessor and mother, can only be understood as "a sharing in the one source, which is the mediation of Christ himself", the sole Redeemer. For this reason, "the Church does not hesitate to profess the subordinate role of Mary". Devotion to the heart of Mary in no way detracts from the sole worship due the heart of Christ, but rather increases it: "Mary's function as mother of humanity in no way obscures or diminishes this unique mediation of Christ, but rather shows its power". Thanks to the abundant graces streaming from the open side of Christ, in different ways the Church, the Virgin Mary and all believers become themselves streams of living water. In this way, Christ displays his glory in and through our littleness.

#### Fraternity and mysticism

Saint Bernard, in exhorting us to union with the heart of Christ, draws upon the richness of this devotion to call for a conversion grounded in love. Bernard believed that our affections, enslaved by pleasures, may nonetheless be transformed and set free, not by blind obedience to a commandment but rather in response to the delectable love of Christ. Evil is overcome by good, conquered by the flowering of love: "Love the Lord your God with the full and deep affection of all your heart; love him with your mind wholly alert and intent; love him with all your strength, so much so that you would not even fear to die for love of him... Your affection for the Lord Jesus should be both sweet and intimate, to oppose the sweet enticements of the sensual life. Sweetness conquers sweetness, as one nail drives out another".

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