



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

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MASS:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

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The Trouble With France

Since he died a couple of years before I was born, I never really got to know my Dad's father, Edward Alexis Jacquet. But I do know from stories passed down through the decades in family lore, that my grandfather had once in the 1920s held a position of real significance representing the City of Cleveland to the government of France.

I know snippets about the man and cherish his kindly visage from 8 mm movies my Dad shot in the 1940s, but mostly I know that Edward Alexis was enormously fond of France and proud of the country from where his parents had come to America in 1847.

But if my grandfather were alive today, he would surely not be proud of France. He would be embarrassed by what his beloved country has become, especially if he could have seen the ghastly anti-Catholic, anti-Christian spectacle at the opening of the Olympic Games.

France is, and has been for some time, quite frankly a sorry mess. It's still a beautiful place if we are talking geography and landscapes; our 2002 visit there was a highlight for a lifetime in that regard. But the government of France, the direction of France, the very soul of what was once "the crown jewel of Catholicism in all of Europe," now seems rotten at the core, prey to every ever-more-bizarre government whim, a once proud culture sadly reduced to a cauldron of violence and group-think, a pitiful caricature of its former greatness.

The France my grandfather knew is long gone, nothing but a lovely nostalgic memory; even the France I visited in 1975 is likewise history, far from reality on the ground there today. Whether current-day France can ever be saved from its secular, hedonistic hell-bent path to self-destruction only time will tell.

These days, "official" France loves the cultural heritage from Catholicism (example: Notre Dame Cathedral, now owned and maintained by the government) but despises and ignores anything and everything faith-related. France loves the millions of euros Catholic cathedrals bring into the country yearly in tourism, but views with deep contempt anyone naive enough to believe that anything of meaning and substance, anything spiritual, ever happened inside those grand old buildings.

The moral emptiness of what France has become was on display for all the world to see in those opening ceremonies. Thanks be to God my grandfather never lived to see the decline.

— Lou Jacquet

Mass for Assumption Here

There will be a 9 a.m. Mass at St. Brendan's on Thursday, August 15, for the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are welcome.

"CHEFS FOR CHARITY" EVENT

Catholic Charities Regional Agency announces an exciting new event for the Mahoning Valley community: "CHEFS FOR CHARITY." This event will bring together 23 local restaurants, each showcasing a specialty dish. In addition to various culinary treats, the evening will feature live entertainment by Backbeat, assorted raffles, a cash bar and other activities.

This event, hosted by The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, takes place on Sept. 26, 2024 at Eastwood Event Center in Niles from 5-9 p.m. Ticket price is \$75/ person.

All proceeds from this event will go toward supporting programs that help stabilize housing and fight homelessness in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties. For more info, contact Nancy Voitus at 330-744-3320.

Mother Teresa on the Eucharist

"When you look at a crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

— Mother Teresa

Sunday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Kay Olenych by Family

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m. Leonard Rosenthal

by Lorraine Alarcon

Sunday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Dobran/ Zitello Families

By Mike and Lorraine Dobran

Please Pray For Our Sick

Tiffany Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

Community Outreach Event Serves 150

Maxwell Hall was the scene of the July 30 "Community Outreach" event sponsored by the Mahoning Valley St. Vincent de Paul Society in partnership with St. Brendan's, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Christine parishes. The gathering featured hot meals, groceries from our food pantry, and a Clothing Give-Away. Parishioner Joe Vivacqua was the SVDP coordinator.



Crowds lined up early despite the heat, many having walked from their homes on the West Side. Photo by Joe Vivacqua



Volunteers from Our Lady of Sorrows helped prepare and cook the hot meal under the direction of Father John Jerek, pastor; chef Chris Bonacci; and Tony Winterburn. The menu included barbecued beef sandwiches, pepperoni rolls, pasta and meatballs, and salad. Carol Martin baked 250 cookies for the dessert. Photo by Joe Vivacqua



As the event progressed, many of the estimated 150 who came sat down to enjoy the meal in Maxwell Hall. Photo by Joe Vivacqua



Items from the parish Food Pantry, which is coordinated by Fred and Shirley Merlo, were ready for distribution. Photo by Fred Merlo

Early Deadline for 8/18 Bulletin

Today's bulletin went to press on Tuesday August 6, on schedule for Sunday August 11. At the same time, the August 18 bulletin went to press a week early.

We will resume our normal publication schedule for the Sunday August 25 bulletin, which goes to press on Tuesday August 20. Deadline for that issue is Monday August 19, 9 a.m., copy into Jackie Niznik at the rectory, 330-792-3875.

Filling The White Boxes

The "We Care Sock and Underwear Drive" for the local St. Vincent de Paul Society is under way. All items collected will be distributed to youngsters in Mahoning County.

Parishioners are asked to bring packaged underwear and socks today August 11 (the final day). Items needed are Boys and Girls packaged underwear for ages 3-18, sizes 3 Toddler to Adult XL; and Boys and Girls packaged socks for ages 3-18, size Toddler to Large.

Monetary donations payable to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" are also welcomed to purchase needed sizes. Contact: Joe Vivacqua, 330-506-0879.

Prayer to St. Maximilian Kolbe



"O God, who filled the priesthood Martyr St. Maximilian Kolbe with a burning love for the Immaculate Virgin Mary and zeal for souls and love of neighbor, graciously grant, through his intercession, that, striving for your glory by eagerly serving others, we may be conformed, even until death, to your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever."

Feast: August 14; died 1944

Your Sacrificial Offering

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For August 2024 **\$29,440.00**

Week of August 4, 2024

Sunday Collection	\$4,060.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$185.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$6,405.00

1 week total \$6,405.00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00

\$23,035.00 short

WE COUNT MEMBERS BECAUSE MEMBERS COUNT

Mass 9 a.m.

8/4-100



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and loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

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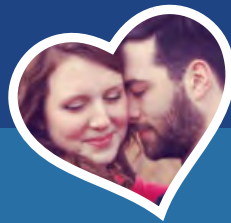
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