



Sunday, August 2, 2020
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 02 August 2020

Isaiah 55:1-3. Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18. Romans 8:35, 37-39. Matthew 14:13-21.

Nothing Can Separate Us! The first reading speaks of comfort foods. The second declares nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. The gospel shows that Jesus' need for quiet prayer can be interrupted by his pity on others' needs. He put the disciples to work in providing needed and satisfying food. In this pandemic, some may still be separated from the Sunday assembly, from Eucharist and Communion, but never from Christ Jesus. How can I take comfort in knowing Christ is near? As a baptized disciple, whom can I comfort with a phone call, letter, or errand? How will I trust that **nothing** will separate me from Christ and from all those he loves?

<u>Our Lady of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Monday, Aug. 3 8:00 am	Steve Vahlkamp
Wednesday, Aug. 5 5:30 pm	The Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Aug. 6 8:00 am	Mr./Mrs. Clement Fowler
Friday, Aug. 7 8:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, Aug. 9 10:30 am 5:30 pm	All Parishioners John & Sophie Rancingay

<u>St. Isidore</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Tuesday, Aug. 4 8:00 am	Faithful Departed
Saturday, Aug. 8 8:00 am	Special Intention Priests & Seminarians of the Diocese
Sunday, Aug. 9 8:00 am	Faithful Departed

Lost and Found Have you lost something in church? There are several books and three pairs of glasses in the lost-and-found box. Please inquire at the parish office to claim your items. After August 31, they will be discarded or appropriated for the parish bookshelf.

Welcome to Bill Mitchell, who has recently joined Our Lady of the Holy Spirit, we are glad you are here.



Nine First Fridays

Within living memory, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was widespread. Among the practices of this devotion was the Nine First Fridays. For the past few decades, this devotion has all but vanished, as if a faucet of love had been shut off. I hope to show you why this devotion is necessary for our time and to outline one of the ways that you can practice it.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart has a long history in the Church, but most people associated it with the private revelations granted to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Visitation nun in France. Between 1673 and 1675, Jesus Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary and complained to her of the indifference and coldness of mankind toward his love. He asked her to promote devotion to his Heart, frequent communion in a spirit of reparation, especially on first Fridays, and holy hours and other devotions.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, representing the love of Jesus, was providentially raised up by God at a time when the Jansenist heresy actively discouraged people from thinking they could be saved and when the lukewarmness and worldliness of the clergy more or less abandoned the laity to their fate. In such an atmosphere, devotion to the Sacred Heart was a powerful reminder that Jesus is a *God who loves us and does not want us to perish*. Things are not too different nowadays. If you took the Jansenist heresy seriously, it hardly mattered if you tried to be saved (because you probably wouldn't be). Nowadays if you take the modernist heresy seriously, it hardly matters if you try to be saved (because, sure, "everybody" goes to heaven). In either case, devotion to the Sacred Heart is the remedy, because it presents to us a reason why we should desire heaven very strongly and why we should never despair of our salvation: the intense love that Jesus Christ bears for each one of us, a love which he wants us to reciprocate.

Jesus made twelve promises to St. Margaret Mary regarding devotion to the Sacred Heart. The twelfth is: "I promise you in the unfathomable mercy of my heart that my omnipotent love will procure the grace of final penitence for all those who receive communion on nine successive first Fridays of the month; they will not die in my disfavor, or without having received the sacraments, since my divine heart will be their sure refuge in the last moments of their life." The conditions of this grace are: to receive communion on nine consecutive first Fridays, to have the intention of honoring the Sacred Heart and of gaining final perseverance, and to offer each communion in reparation for offenses against Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

(Pastor Corner Con't)

“But, Father, that kind of sounds like a ‘fire insurance’ policy.” It assuredly is not. First, the ninefold repetition sharpens our love and our desire to receive these graces. Second, no one was ever shanghaied into heaven against his will. The grace will be on offer to you at your last hour, but if you refuse it, God will not force it upon you. Third, the intention required (honor and reparation to Jesus and final perseverance for ourselves) cannot be reconciled with the intention merely to jump through a hoop nine times to earn a get-out-of-jail-free card. The spirit of devotion to the Sacred Heart is entirely different from that mercenary spirit. It is a spirit of love and gratitude to Jesus and of reparation for our own sins and those of others. “And they shall say to him: What are these wounds in the midst of thy hands? And he shall say: With these I was wounded in the house of them that loved me.” (Zach. 13:6) Let us turn to our wounded Savior and console him.

~ Rev. Jason P. Stone

SAVE yourself a late fee! Pay your PSR fees soon! CLASS BEGINS September 13th and classes are being organized. PSR Registration forms and the calendar are on the website: www.mtzolhs.org under the tab Religious Education. Feel free to drop them off in the locked brown box outside the office with your enrollment check. Youth Group registration forms are also on the website. Please return them ASAP as well.



Please pray for the repose soul of parishioner, Marie Scales, mother of Dave (Donna) Scales of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit. May Marie have comfort in her eternal rest.

Forget your envelope? Use Online Giving to keep up on offertory. Go to www.mtzolhs.org and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy. Your support throughout the year helps sustain our church. There is a tutorial on the website.



**Offerings
Our Lady of the Holy Spirit 7/26/2020**

General collections	\$ 1,959.00
Capital Campaign	<u>280.00</u>
	\$ 2,239.00
St. Isidore 7/19/2020	
General collections	\$812.00

Thank you for your dedication to our parishes



Don't forget we have a dropoff box or you are welcome to mail in your contributions to 400 N. Whitetail Circle, Mt. Zion IL 62549. Our boxes have been a bit empty lately.



Parish Connections and Suggestions

Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit

Website: www.mtzolhs.org

Facebook: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany

FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Go to www.mtzolhs.formed.org. It will take you directly to create your account.

Are you new and need to fill out parishioner forms?

Packets are in the vestibule. They can also be found under the Contact/Join Our Parishes dropdown tab on the website: www.mtzolhs.org

Life threatening emergencies please call 217-264-2868.

Parish Council What is it? Who are the representatives?

A pastoral/parish council is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish about pastoral/parish issues. The voting members are: Father Jason Stone, Marie Baker, Mary Ann & Tom Beck, Laurie Bolsen, Steve Bowman, Sergio Casillas/President, Jill Driscoll, Kevin Fritzsche, Derek Green, Cayla Hittmeier. Non-voting members: Owen Baker, Mandy Hoffman, Donna Myers, Karen Rossi, Katelyn VanDyke, Carol Waller. If you have something that you feel needs attention or is concerning, please go through one of these people and it will be presented to Father Stone.

ONLINE GIVING Go to our church website at www.mtzolhs.org and set up online giving. Or go to OLGapp.com and click on the app store for your device. There is a video that walks you through how to set up one-time or recurring online giving for general tithing or Capital Campaign. The link address is: <https://youtu.be/kW1s4AvfMo4>

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop off of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Please consider including Our Lady of the Holy Spirit or St. Isidore in your bequests, trusts, beneficiary of insurance, wills or financial plans. Provide a gift that will witness the importance of your Catholic faith and help sustain our mission for generations to come.

**Our Lady of the Holy Spirit
400 N. Whitetail Circle
Mt. Zion, Illinois**



SHOPPERS WILL REQUIRE MASKS

Thursday August 13th 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday August 14th 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday August 15th 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

(\$3 Bag Sale Saturday 12:00 – 2:00 pm)

Drop off your items Wednesday July 29th – Wednesday August 12th between
8:00 am and 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Baby, Bedding/Linen, Books, Clothing, Collectibles, Furniture, Household,
Jewelry, Kitchenware, Lawn/Garden, Movies, Seasonal, Shoes, Tools, Toys,
etc. in saleable condition welcome*

*(Donations of large exercise equipment, computers, and CRT (old-style)
televisions cannot be accepted)

Please call Pat Cirks at (217) 864-4298 with any questions