

FROM FATHER TOTTON'S DESK

This weekend, I reflect on two items, both of which speak about the Marvels of God. On the one hand is the feeding of the five thousand with only a few loaves and a couple fish. On the other hand, we (at Plattsburg) are celebrating the Feast of Saint Ann (and her husband, St. Joachim). A common theme in these two moments is how God can take something so simple, something so basic and bring about a Marvel which revolutionizes the world and provides nourishment for countless souls down through the ages.

In the multiplication of the loaves, we see pre-figured the Gift the Eucharist, by which Jesus gives us Spiritual Nourishment, his very Body and Blood as food for Everlasting Life! This theme will unfold over the next several weeks, but it begins with **this** remarkable moment. At the risk of getting ahead of myself, consider the words our Lord used at the Last Supper: "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, **This is my Body...**" In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us his very self, holding nothing back, reserving nothing to Himself. He invites us into a relationship by which he wishes to espouse himself to our souls. This is why we refer to the Eucharist as "**Holy Communion.**" But again, I am getting ahead of myself. At the feeding of the multitude, the apostles collect five loaves and two fish, and Andrew exclaims, "but what good are these for so many?" Note that Jesus doesn't supply the loaves, but he solicits, he invites, he asks us to give him what little we have (which, of course, he has already given to us!) and he will transform it into something which far exceeds anything we ever thought possible.

St. Ann and St. Joachim were a pretty average Jewish couple for their time and place. There was nothing regal or even exceptional about them. Like most of their contemporaries, they assumed the duties of marriage and set up a household which could be described as "typical" at that time. Through their total marital self-gift and openness to God's plan, they conceived a child - a normal human child in all respects with one remarkable crucial difference that neither of them understood in their lifetime on earth: This child, the fruit of their spousal union, was preserved by a unique Grace from God, from inheriting original sin which had been passed on and transmitted to all other descendants of Adam and Eve. We know, of course, that this was part of God's plan to bring about the Incarnation of His Divine Son. For their part, St. Ann and St. Joachim did nothing to merit this great honor, except to do what husband and wife have done since the time of Adam and Eve - to give themselves totally and completely to each other in marriage. We may not know in this lifetime the impact that God may make through our actions, but, like Saints Ann and Joachim, we are called to offer our best - as simple or basic as it may seem - to the Lord and allow him to transform it into one part of his plan for the salvation of the world. May the Lord form within us generous hearts that hold nothing back that we may more readily use our lives to advance His plan in a way that only He can understand.

Likewise, the young man with the five barley loaves and the two fish probably didn't think much of his simple lunch. Perhaps he had a little fear that if he shared it, especially with so many, that he might need to go hungry himself. But look what Our Lord did using that small act of selfless generosity - he fed five thousand (other Gospel accounts of this story indicate that there may have been as many as ten to fifteen thousand souls that were fed!) and there was so much left over that they filled twelve wicker baskets.

What is the takeaway for us? It's simple, one word: **generosity!** Give freely! We must acknowledge that everything you have received is God's gift to us. We must use it that He may accomplish "even greater things than these!" Of course, this applies to the three categories of *Time, Talent and Treasure* but it *also applies* to your relationships - to marriage especially - to wisdom and experience, and to all manner of gifts that God has bestowed upon you.

Fr. Joseph W. Totton



ST. ANN'S PARISH

Sunday, July 29, 2018

Parish Solemnity of St. Ann

This Week's Mass Times:

*Tuesday 6pm Traditional Latin Mass
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday : 8 am

Saturday: 4:00 pm Sunday: 10 am

Confessions: Tuesday 5:30pm; Saturday 3pm

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Report Abuse
Ombudsman: Jenifer Valenti – 816.812.2500
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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 28: 4 pm
Ushers: Open
Lectors: Clare Pelzel & Bill Lueckenotte
EMHC: Della Mallen & Judy McKowen

Sunday, July 29: 10 am
Ushers: Eric Niemann, Herman Gillotte, JC Roberts & Vince Seiler
Lectors: Terry Miller & Paul Broderick
EMHC: Vince Seiler & Chris Broderick

NURSING HOME MINISTRY
 Volunteer

MONEY COUNTERS

Saturday, August 4: 4 pm
Ushers: Open
Lectors: Clare Pelzel & Judy McKowen
EMHC: Charlie Harper & Della Mallen

Sunday, August 5: 10 am
Ushers: Eric Niemann, Herman Gillotte, Mindy Beall & Eric Whitlow
Lectors: Karen Trotter & Terry Miller
EMHC: Vince & Joan Seiler

NURSING HOME MINISTRY
 Anne Martin

MONEY COUNTERS
 Eric Niemann & Volunteer

 *Mass Intentions*

Saturday, July 28: 4 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, July 29: 10 am + Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
 By: Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, July 31: 6 pm Private Intention

Wednesday, August 1: + James Maples
 By: Monty & Joyce Thompson

Thursday, August 2: + Pat Luckenbill
 By: Helen Pipes

Friday, August 3: + Jean Gassman
 By: Vince & Joan Seiler

Saturday, August 4: 4 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, August 5: 10 am + John Spaeth
 By: Al & Shirley Schwery

Weekend Collection July 22, 2018

Envelopes: \$2,708 Plate: \$126 2nd Collection: \$1,715
Total Parish: \$4,549

2nd Collection: Aug. 18 & 19 - Diocesan Life & Justice Collections:

July to Date: \$10,776.50
July Budget: \$11,831.42
Year-To-Date: \$ 10,776.50
Yearly Budget: \$141,977.48

Thank you for supporting St. Ann's Parish

MEETINGS

Parish Council: Wed. August 8th, Parish Hall - 6:00pm
Adoration: 1st Friday of month - August 3, 8:30am - 12
Altar Society Meeting - Next mtg in Sept.
Knights of Columbus: 3rd Tues. of the month 6:45 pm
Church Cleaning: July - Group 2
Donut Sunday: July 22 - Open

LEGION OF MARY will be meeting on Monday evenings at the home of Sherry Kutz.
Please see Terry or Carleen Miller for directions.

 **YEARLY BOX ENVELOPES**
 If you want your 2018-19 box of envelopes please see either Fr. Totton or Judy McKowen.
 The boxes are in my office.
 Thank you.. Marge

Diocesan Visioning Process
 You are invited to Share and Be Heard
 Bishop Johnston recently instituted a "visioning" process to develop a Mutually Shared Vision for our diocese.
 The purpose of the process is to create a compelling Vision Statement (unifying theme) for the diocese. It will include three priorities—major areas of focus—for the diocese for the next 3 years and six goals that will lead to specific outcomes in the next 2-3 years.
 Bishop Johnston invites every member of our local church to participate in their regional listening sessions in July. The locations have been chosen to reach as much of the diocese as possible in the time frame available. You may attend any one of the sessions.
 Throughout the process Bishop Johnston asks everyone to join him in prayer (prayer following) for the fruitfulness of this effort.

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Mutually Shared Vision Development Process
Listening Sessions Locations
Tuesday, July 31, 7-8:30 pm: Liberty, Mo., St. James

DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH PORNOGRAPHY?
 Plan to attend the *My House Workshop for Men* in Kansas City August 9-11, 2018
 This is a 3-day confidential, intensive for men striving to overcome and heal from unwanted sexual behaviors. It is geared to maximize investment of time and money by providing the equivalent of at least 8 months of individual therapy. It will enhance the work you might have started or jump start your journey towards healing.
 For more information or to register today call: 816-786-6063 or email: centerforhealing128@gmail.com

 Donut Sunday Sign-Up Sheet on table in Narthex.
 We need volunteers!

DO YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN BETRAYED?
 Have you discovered your husband viewing pornography?
 Don't know where to turn?
 Can your marriage survive this betrayal?
 There IS help and hope for healing.
Enduring Love is a confidential group provides support for women whose husbands have battled infidelity or pornography; this is an ecumenical ministry approved by the diocese.
 Contact: **Robyn Brumble: (816) 560-7052** for more information
www.bloomforcatholicwomen.com is an on-line resource to help women recover from the betrayal trauma.

Prayer Corner
 *"To everything there is a season and time... for every purpose under heaven." Ecc. 3-11*
 "...a time to heal."
JB Lile, Tricia Wolf, Breanna Beall, Donald O'Connor, Sandy Mathewson, Nancy Totton, Amy Spriesterbach
 "...a time to die."
Mary Ellen Mallen

 **PARISH WIDE GARAGE SALE**
 The Parish is getting ready for their Garage Sale
 Friday, August 10 and Saturday, August 11.
 Go through your attic and closets to find that treasure you have been hanging on to and donate it to the sale.
 Plus help will be needed to set up, work, and clean up.
Schedule is as follows:
 You're welcome to bring donated items on Wednesday, August 8th between 5 pm and 7 pm
 Thursday, August 9th Set-up and accepting donations from 8:30 am - 7 pm
SALE DAYS
 Friday 8:30AM to 5 pm
 Saturday 7:30am to 3 pm

Please note: **No Electronics! All items should be clean & saleable and priced before dropping off.**
(Books and Clothes do not need to be priced)
 For more information please contact:
 Judy McKowen (816) 539-2261

SAVE THE DATE SEVEN DOLORS CHURCH
 12750 Hurlingen Road, Easton
 Come join us for some good food and family fun!
 Autumn Food & Fun Saturday, Sept 15 - beginning at 4 pm
 Picnic Style Dinner for \$10 (includes 4 tickets to play any games) Grilled Hamburger or 2 Grilled Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
 Baked Beans, variety of Chips, Homemade Desserts, Ice Tea or Water
 Bingo – Dessert Walk - Pop Toss– Jingle Board Silent Auction - Country Store Grindstone Winery -Wine/Beer Soda
 Bottled Water - Ice Cream for sale on grounds