



St. Paul's ePistle from McHenry August 1, 2018



New & Notable

Thoughts from Bill

THE FOOD THAT PERISHES



In our Gospel reading this coming Sunday, Jesus says, "Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you" (John 6:27 NRSV). As with all of the teachings and parables of our Lord, he seeks to change our human value system from the earth's world to heaven's world.

The Gospel reading ends with Jesus affirming: I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty (John 6:35 NRSV). The gift that Jesus leaves us goes back to Him having the Last Supper with his disciples. He said for them to continue to do the holy meal often as a remembrance of his words and deeds.

Thus, when we receive the bread and wine at communion, we partake of the food that nourishes us with God's love and forgiveness and reminds us that as Christians our value is always God. Just as we seek food for life on this earth, at the Holy Eucharist, we feed ourselves with the deepest symbol Jesus has to offer us by tasting the "Body of Christ, the bread of heaven; and the Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation."

*The Rev. Bill McLemore
Retired Priest Associate*



Annual Parish Picnic

This Sunday, August 5th, 4:00 pm

We'll be providing hotdogs and hamburgers and most of the trimmings. A donation of \$5 for individuals or \$10 per family to defray the cost will be much appreciated! This year, there will be more games and activities for the children. So, pack up your lawn chair...Make your favorite dish to share....(salads, appetizers, casseroles, desserts) and remember to BYOB!

Also! If you have any fun yard games, please bring them along!

Not quite new but still notable....

Office hours have changed!

*Starting Wednesday, August 1st, regular office hours will be:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm.
The office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays.*



St. Paul's Polo Shirts!



Coming soon! Order your very own St. Paul's polo shirt! These are soft-touch, wrinkle-resistant pique shirts, available in all sizes, in both ladies' fit and men's. The color is French Blue, and they will have our St. Paul's logo embroidered on the front. Cost is \$20. Just let Lisa know if you'd like one and what size. There will be a signup form on the table in the narthex as well. We can show our support for St. Paul's by wearing these at our events! A sample shirt will be available.



St. Paul's Flea Market

Plans are underway for a flea market here at St. Paul's at the end of September. If you are interested in setting up a table and selling a few of those extra things around your house, or would like to help in some way, please call the office (815) 385-0390 or email Lisa at lisa@stpaulmchenry.com. We are trying to find out if there is enough of an interest in order to proceed. Ideas include a bake sale and refreshments as well. Watch for more details to come!

Children's Chapel

Classes will resume September 9th!

The usual fare...

Lessons and Hymns for this Sunday, August 5, 2018

(Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost- Year B)

by the Rev. William P. McLemore

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15. Exodus tells of the feeding by God of the hungry Israelites in the desert with manna from heaven. **Psalms 78** tells of God's "raining down manna upon them to eat." **The Epistle:** Ephesians 4:1-16. Paul insists that each person has a unique gift that can help build up "the Body of Christ." **The Gospel:** John 6:24-35. Jesus tells the people that Moses didn't give his bread, but God's bread and adds, "I am the bread of life."

THE HYMNS:

Processional: No. 522. "Glorious things of thee are spoken." Another majestic piece of music set to Franz Joseph Haydn's tune "Austria," and first played at the birthday of the Emperor Franz II, February 12, 1797, and worded to become the national hymn of Austria. Haydn (1732-1809) created it at the request of its chancellor who wanted an Austrian counterpart to the British, "God Save the King." The hymn itself is based on Isaiah 33:20-21, "Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals... But there is the Lord in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams." It was first published in John Newton's, *Olney Hymns*, 1779, and has been in the various Episcopal hymnals since 1874. The words, written by the prolific John Newton (1725-1807), son of a shipmaster, who himself became a midshipman in the English Navy. Again, we have a secular tune that directs our witness to the praise and glory of God.

Sequence: No. 631. "Book of books, our people's strength." One of several hymns in our hymnal written by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936), English hymnodist and priest in the Church of England. He often said he wrote this hymn to express a contemporary appreciation for the Bible: "Light of knowledge, ever burning, shed on us thy deathless learning." The tune, "Liebster Jesu," was composed by Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673) and harmonized by George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926).

Presentation: No. 335. "I am the bread of life." The words and music for this very popular new hymn are by Suzanne Toolan and based upon John 6. Toolan, a Mercy Sister, is an internationally known composer of liturgical music. This particular hymn has been translated into 20 languages. She is a prominent American spokeswoman for the music and prayer of the Taizé ecumenical community from France and leads many retreats. The Taizé Community is a monastic order founded by Roger Schutz in 1940, a Protestant pastor, but includes brothers from both Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. The monastic center is located in Taizé, Burgundy, France.

Communion: "Take, O take me as I am." This is one of the best-known songs from the Iona Community in Scotland which has become a major center for ecumenism, social justice, healing, reconciliation, and worship renewal. John Lamberton Bell, a member of the Iona Community, was born in 1949 in Kilmarnock, Ayrshire Scotland. As you sing the song, you will notice that there are four phases of our faith journey in the text: (1) surrender and conversion, (2) transformation, (3) sealed and marked by God's covenant, and (4) new life together with and in God.

Recessional: No. 492. "Sing ye faithful, sing with gladness." The author of this hymn is John Ellerton, born in London, December 16, 1826 and educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. Although an Anglican priest, he is better known as a hymnologist, hymn-writer, and translator. The 1940 Hymnal has 7 of his hymns and this one is new to the current 1982 Hymnal. The tune, "Finnian" was composed by Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000), British organist and composer.

Servants for August 5th

Rick Carlstedt, Don Jaworski - *Ushers*
Judy Robel - *Lector*
Terry Jaworski - *Intercessor*
Al Robel, Charles Sterbis - *Eucharistic Ministers*
Jeff Zabor - *Vestry Person of the Day*
Antania Pecoraro - *Children's Crucifer*
Bob and Linda Curran - *Coffee Hour*
Heather Dodge, Beth Lukas - *Altar Guild*
Beth Lukas, Carol Toft - *Flower Guild*

On the Calendar...

Annual Parish Picnic

This Sunday, August 5, 4:00 pm

Instructed Eucharist (Part 1) - August 19

Instructed Eucharist (Part 2) - August 26

Children's Chapel resumes September 9

Men's Breakfast resumes September 8

Informal Fall Parish Meeting - September 23

From the cartoons created by
The Rev. William P. McLemore



"Now that's taking the
'Passing the Peace' much too far!"

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