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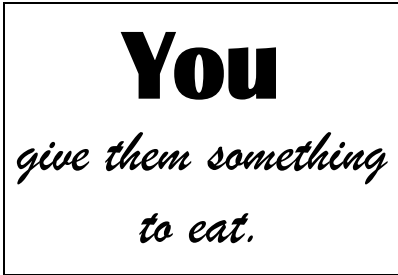
August 2, 2020  
 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Rev Kenneth Schnipke, C.P.P.S., Pastor  
 Rev Timothy McFarland, C.P.P.S. Parochial Vicar  
 Deacon Charles Salway  
 Website: www.stteresa-rockford.org

Office hours: M, T, TH 9-11am; Wed 9-5pm; Fri 9-1pm (subject to change)

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**ST TERESA PARISH WELCOMES NEW FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS MOVING INTO THE AREA. Please register by calling the rectory office. Any parishioners who are leaving the area or changing an address or phone number should notify the office.**  
**BAPTISMS: Baptism will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month after Sunday morning mass. Call the office in advance to schedule. Parents are obligated to attend preparation sessions before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. This can be done before the birth of the child. Call the office to register for class.**  
**COUNSELING SERVICES: 1-937-299-9005 Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein**  
**BULLETIN ARTICLES: due in writing by 5:00pm on Tuesday. You may email article to: stteresachurch@bright.net.**

**Mass Intentions**  
 Wednesday, Aug 5th  
 7:00pm Mass-Provci Family  
**Saturday evening mass during coronavirus restrictions only**  
 Saturday, Aug 8th  
 4:30pm Mass-All Souls  
 Sunday, Aug 9th  
 10:00am Mass-Fred Zeik



**CELINA CLUSTER MASSES**  
 Saturday **4:30pm** ST 5pm IC, 7pm OLG  
 Sunday 8am IC, 9am OLG, **10am ST**, 11am IC  
 Monday 7:30am IC, 8am OLG Comm Service  
 Tuesday 7:30am IC, 8am OLG  
 Wednesday 7:30am IC Comm Service  
 7pm OLG, **7pm ST**  
 Thursday 7:30am IC  
 Friday 8am OLG, 9am IC school mass  
 Reconciliation Saturday 11am IC,  
 6:15-6:45pm OLG  
**Wednesday 6:30pm ST**

**Vocation Cross**  
 8/2-8 Greg Norris Family  
 8/9-15 Jared Norris Family

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Remember St Teresa in your will

**Reflections - by Deacon Charlie Salway**

How do you grieve? As I reflected on this weeks Gospel, it was in the first verses of Matthew 14:13-21 that caught my attention. We have spent the last several Sundays listening to Jesus story telling through parables. And woven through all of these is the thread of compassion our Lord has for his people. I wondered at the compassion Jesus had to muster for the crowds that afternoon, when all he really wanted, was to be alone and grieve for his cousin and friend, John the Baptist.

It's amazing to think about all of the people he must have healed or taught or sat down to listen to, in the midst of his grief. This large crowd had pursued him, and with a heavy heart he still felt compassion for **them**. He cured **their** sick and cared for **their** needs, not for his.

Most of us, like Jesus, would seek some solitude and time to grieve. But the text says "*His heart was moved with pity for them.*" Compassion is what leads him back to caring for his people. We could learn from this example when we are grieving, not so much for the loss of a loved one, but when we find ourselves grieving for ourselves. When we find ourselves grieving the many losses we suffer in a lifetime – the loss of youth, lost opportunities, loss of health, and the inevitable loss or our life – compassion for others can restore us to life. When we grieve the many injuries of life, some real, some imagined, some inflicted by others, some self-inflicted, compassion is the thread that leads us back to the healthy way of life God intended for us, a life of caring for others. The force of compassion that moved Jesus is the same force at work in us. We see later in this Gospel that someone felt the suffering of the crowd, who was hungry and tired. Someone in the crowd had two fish and five loaves and was willing to share it with the others. It took trust to be generous, to share hospitality with others. The person who shared the food, trusted that there would be enough to go around. It takes trust to know that even sharing what little we may have, will be enough to share with others

So, *let's be amazed by the story and wonder about the miracle and marvel* at Jesus ability to show compassion for all of us. Let's think about our mission here, too – as a congregation and as individuals.

Open our ears and hearts, listen, and hear Jesus' command:

***"You give them something to eat."***

Then realize that we have all we need to make that happen – that because of God's love for us, we **are** called and capable of doing the work of Christ in and for the sake of the world – and that when we do, there will be more than enough of love, grace, and hope to go around – **with plenty of leftovers.**

**Something New** — Fr. Tim has something new for all...Fr Tim Talks. He will be posting video presentations on various spiritual or theological topics for your enrichment. The presentations will be about 20-30 minutes and will cover a variety of topics. The premiere presentation is "Eucharist as Sacrifice: Giving Thanks – Giving Life." These are available on the IC web site (celina-ic.org) under the Education tab. Check it out. Hopefully when the effects of the pandemic lessen, we will be able to gather for in-person presentations again, but in the meantime - here is something to nourish your spirit.

**Rockford VBS** will be held on Aug. 10, 11 & 12 from 9 am – 11:30 am at New Horizon Church. We are in need of students who just completed 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade to help as group leaders, any adults willing to help, for those 3 days. Please text or call Cheryl Nichols 567-644-1482 if you are able to help.

Also, there will be a donation list posted of needed supplies. Registration forms are in the back of church or you can sign up online at [www.nhccrockford.churchcenter.com/registrations](http://www.nhccrockford.churchcenter.com/registrations).

SUNDAY COLLECTION		7-26-2020			
Envelopes/online (16)	\$ 960.00	Weekly Offering	\$ 1047.00	YTD total Collection	\$ 3540.00
Loose envelopes	\$ 87.00	Week Budgeted	\$ 1300.00	YTD total Budgeted	\$ 5200.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$ 1047.00</b>	Over/Short	\$ -253.00	Over/Short to date	\$ -1660.00