

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 29, 2018



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Dear Friends,

You were extremely generous last weekend to Father Richard Wahl's appeal to support his congregation's (Basilian Fathers) mission work, particularly in Mexico and Colombia. Your donations came to the princely sum of \$5,998.00, which for a little parish like ours is, to say the least, "exceptional." For your generosity, they are more than thankful.

This brings me to last weekend's other appeal for donations at the north door (the one with the canopy over it) by a young man and woman armed with their begging sign. They were there waiting for you as you exited from the Saturday evening Mass, preying (no pun intended) on your emotions and religious sensibilities as you left. When I went out to them, they immediately packed up and left, but I couldn't resist wanting to see what kind of transport they came in; it was a nice Toyota mini-van. Might I say, these were probably professional beggars. If someone truly needs help, they will come and ask me or one of our staff, and we will do what we can and/or refer them to other agencies who can also help them, both in the short and long term. So please, in the future, point them in my direction, and don't be taken in so easily. Remember not every scam is on the internet!

Have a great week,

**MASS TIMES**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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**DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (DSF) SUMMARY REPORT**  
activity thru 7/23/2018

PARISH GOAL	\$53,900.00
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$48,585.50
TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED	\$57,203.00
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	146
TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS	1220
AVERAGE PARTICIPANT PLEDGE	\$391.80
PAID OVER (UNDER) GOAL	(\$5,314.50)
PLEDGED OVER (UNDER) GOAL	\$3,303.00
PERCENT PAID	90.14%

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The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.



— WEEKLY MIRACLE —

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life." Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements--bread and wine--into the Lord's Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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The St. Catherine community offers our support and condolences to the family and friends of Bertha Nilsson who died last Sunday, July 22, 2018. May our Lord continue to bless and comfort you all during this time of mourning.



August 4-September 30  
**READER & EMHC SCHEDULE  
NOW POSTED ONLINE**

The readings and audio pronunciation may be found on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

If you know in advance that you are unable to serve as scheduled or are no longer interested in serving, please let us know.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SAT 28** 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass

**SUN 29** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass  
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

## SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**MON 30** OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM-4 PM  
No Weekday Mass

**TUES 31** OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM-4 PM  
12:15 PM Weekday Mass

**WED 1** OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM-4 PM  
12:15 PM Weekday Mass † Mary Gaffigan

**THURS 2** OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM-4 PM  
12:15 PM Weekday Mass

**FRI 3** OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM-4 PM  
12:15 PM Weekday Mass

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SAT 4** 5:00 PM Sunday Vigil Mass

**SUN 5** 8:30 AM Sunday Mass  
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

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Mission of  
Yahweh Food  
Collection  
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## CCE 2018-19 TEACHERS NEEDED

If you have previously taught a religious education course to young children or youth, or may be interested in doing so, please email [REcoordinator@stcatherine-houston.org](mailto:REcoordinator@stcatherine-houston.org)



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