

## Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for June / July 2009

June 7, 2009 (Most Holy Trinity)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the children – the heirs – of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill our Lord's command to "go...and make disciples of all nations."

June 21, 2009 (12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

July 5, 2009 (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

As we celebrate the Independence of our country, may we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance the Lord has showered upon us.

July 19, 2009 (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

June 14, 2009 (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The U. S. Bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic Celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."

June 28, 2009 (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship – "Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality."

July 12, 2009 (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve disciples; and in the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

July 26, 2009 (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Both Elisha's servant in the first reading and the disciples in today's gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw how the hand of the Lord feeds us and answers all our needs. Likewise, Good stewards share their gifts trusting that the Lord will see to it that their needs are met.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**  
Voice of Hope Award Nomination Form 2009

**\*\* Please refer to the "Guidelines for Selection" Sheet for more information \*\***

*All entries must include the following:*

- completed nomination form
- 500-word typed essay

**Section 1 -- Nominee Information**

Award Category (circle one only):                      Individual                      Parish                      Institution

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 2 -- Nominator Information**

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3 -- The Essay**

Please describe in 500 words (about 2-3 paragraphs) or less why your nominee should receive a Voice of Hope Award. Your essay should provide examples of how the nominee's talents, skills and dedication in the areas of charity and/or justice have made a difference in the Diocese of Youngstown. Preference will be given to nominees who interface with the ministries and/or agencies of Catholic Charities.

*Please direct any questions to Shellie Sabel at 330-744-8451, ext. 322 or*

*ssabel@youngstowndiocese.org*

**Deadline for nominations: June 30, 2009**

## Catholic Charities Voice of Hope Awards 2009

### **GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION**

**Award Mission:** To recognize an individual, a parish and a Catholic institution demonstrating excellence, creativity and leadership in charity and justice on behalf of disadvantaged people.

**Eligibility/Guidelines:** All nominees (individual, parish or institution) must be located in and affiliated with the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown.

- Individual nominees must serve in a volunteer capacity. They cannot be paid employees of a parish or institution.
- Parish or institution nominees must demonstrate the involvement of a “group effort” in meeting a need or challenge in their community.
- Former Voice of Hope Award nominees *are* eligible for re-nomination.
- Former Voice of Hope Award winners *are not* eligible for subsequent awards *unless* the individual, parish or institution is nominated for an effort unrelated to their previous award.

**Standards for Selection:** One winner will be chosen from each of the three categories (individual, parish, institution). Award recipients will be selected according to the following criteria:

- nominee’s achievements and leadership
- nominee’s efforts to support and/or assist the ministries/agencies of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Youngstown
- nominee’s dedication to his/her/their cause
- impact of the nominee’s efforts on his/her/their community and/or the Diocese of Youngstown

**Selection:** Nominees will be individuals, parishes and institutions connected to the Catholic Church who exhibit excellence, creativity and leadership in charity and justice on behalf of disadvantaged people. An ad hoc committee will review the nomination materials and rank each nominee according to the Standards for Selection listed above. Top recommendations from each category will be submitted to the Executive Director of Catholic Charities for his consideration. The Executive Director will then forward the final choices to the Bishop for review and approval.

**All completed Voice of Hope Award nomination forms are due by Tuesday, June 30, 2009.  
Mail, fax, or e-mail completed nomination forms and essays to:**

**Ms. Shellie Sabel  
ATTN: Voice of Hope Awards 2009  
Catholic Charities  
144 West Wood St.  
Youngstown, OH 44503**

**Fax: 330-742-6447  
E-mail: [ssabel@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ssabel@youngstowndiocese.org)**

**Questions? Call 330-744-8451, ext. 322**

# Office of Social Action

## Sharing Hope In Tough Times

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### Reflections & Prayer Intention Suggestions for Your Bulletin: June 2009

#### **June 7, 2009:**

**Reflection:** As children of the Father, united in Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit, we can raise up struggling families with simple acts of kindness.

**Prayer Intention:** That in drawing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Christians everywhere see themselves as children of God, and lead others to the kindness and hope found in Christ Jesus.

#### **June 14, 2009:**

**Reflection:** Nourished by Christ's Body and Blood, we can imitate Him and nourish others by donating a bag of groceries to a local food pantry.

**Prayer Intention:** That those in our neighborhoods who hunger for both physical and spiritual food find nourishment from the community that is the body of Christ.

#### **June 21, 2009:**

**Reflection:** Our Lord Jesus commands the storm to be still. Will a child fear economic storms when their father carries Jesus in his heart?

**Prayer Intention:** That fathers who are struggling in this downturned economy find the strength and courage they need to sustain their families in their faith in Christ.

#### **June 28, 2009:**

**Reflection:** A woman is unexpectedly healed by touching Jesus' cloak. When she's a few dollars short in the checkout, your spare dollars heal her once again.

**Prayer Intention:** That spontaneous acts of charity by Christians everywhere be done in a spirit graciousness, especially those acts that appear small or insignificant.

#### **Alternate/Extra:**

**Reflection:** In giving generously what we have, and receiving graciously when we are in need, we acknowledge equality among all of God's creation.

**Prayer Intention:** That Christians everywhere embrace more deeply stewardship, through generous giving and gracious receiving.

# OPERATION RICE BOWL GRANTS

## DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

### I. Criteria for Awarding Rice Bowl Grants

- A. Rice Bowl monies are available for groups or organizations who provide food distribution for those in need. Applications for other than food distribution will not be considered.
- B. Economic factors and population of an area are used to determine the size of the grant.
- C. Preference will be given to the inclusion of all counties or geographical areas in the Diocese of Youngstown.

### II. Grants are made in units of \$100. The number of units granted will be determined by the Criteria for Awarding Rice Bowl Grants above.

NOTE: In previous years, grants were made to between 45-50 food programs in a given year. The grants ranged from \$200 to \$700 with most of them being \$200 or \$300.

### III. Rice Bowl Applications

- A. The enclosed application form should be submitted for the consideration for Rice Bowl funding in the Diocese of Youngstown.
- B. Please answer all questions. Use only the space provided.
- C. Deadline for submitting applications is **August 1, 2009**.
- D. For more information please contact the Office of Social Action at (330) 744-8451.

Forward applications to:

Rice Bowl Grants  
Office of Social Action  
Diocese of Youngstown  
144 W. Wood Street  
Youngstown, OH 44503

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT FROM RICE BOWL FUNDS – 2009**

1. Organization/Institution applying \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Amount Requested \$ \_\_\_\_\_ How will the money be used?

**Nutrition Education**     **Equipment**     **Programs**     **Purchase of Foods**

**Rent/Utilities**     **Other:**  Explain other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Economic factors in your area that have a bearing on the need for food distribution:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Approximately how many people do you feed or provide food. (Indicate daily, weekly, or monthly basis.)     **Daily**     **Weekly**     **Monthly**

5. Who will be the direct beneficiaries of the grant? What types of clients do you service?

(families, individuals?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How will distribution be accomplished? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

7. Over what period of time will distribution be made? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Does your organization provide any nutrition information for people?

**YES**             **NO**

9. What types of information.? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

10. If training were available, would you be willing to provide more nutrition education to the persons you serve?

**YES**     **NO**

11. What types of food products do you make available in your program? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. How is your organization structured? How are decisions made? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. What methods of accountability/bookkeeping do you utilize? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. What other monies do you receive in order to provide your services? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you work in coalition with any other group/Church/program? Which groups?  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. Has your organization been funded by Rice Bowl in the past?  
**YES**  **NO**

If so, what year(s)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

For further information, contact: Social Action Department at (330) 744-8451

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: AUG. 1, 2009**

Mail application to: Rice Bowl Grants  
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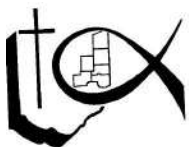
# Word, Worship & Service

*Connecting Parishes with the Diocesan Offices of Catholic Schools, Worship and Catholic Charities*

*Word, Worship & Service* is a quarterly publication distributed through *Communiqué* and on the web at [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org). Its purpose is to provide information on how the Diocesan Offices of Education, Worship and Catholic Charities are serving you—our parishes, Catholic Institutions and friends in the Diocese of Youngstown.

**“The Church’s deepest nature is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God, celebrating the sacraments, and exercising the ministry of charity. These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable.”**

— Pope Benedict XVI  
*Deus Caritas Est*



## Scholarships Make Catholic Education a Reality

Whatever would we do! This very brief statement often precedes a “thank you” from a grateful parent or student for the tuition assistance received from the Diocesan Catholic School Scholarship. As our local economy reflects national trends and the cost of Catholic education rises, families find a real challenge amidst their dedication to Catholic Schools.

During the 2008/2009 school term, the Diocesan Office of Catholic Schools was able to assist nearly 300 of the 590 applicants. All applicants who had documented negative adjusted incomes (calculated by an independent financial aid firm) received some assistance. All of this was due to the growth of the Diocesan Foundation and those contributions that were earmarked for tuition assistance. This success is a perfect example of the cooperative efforts of multiple Diocesan offices.

At this time of year, we begin to look forward to the tuition assistance that will be available for 2009/2010. Presently, we have 887 applicants and the ominous possibility that less assistance will be



available due to market fluctuations. As we prepare for the annual meeting of the Diocesan Scholarship Committee, our preliminary analysis of the application data indicates a higher than normal number of negative adjusted incomes. This will be a challenging year for parents and for the Scholarship Committee.

Whether during good years or lean years, the scholarship program can count on all-out cooperation from the Diocesan Offices of Catholic Schools, Financial Services, and Development. Hopefully, we will find that our resources can be stretched to address the needs of as many dedicated Catholic School families as possible.



## Bread of Life Discourse

For five Sundays, from July 26 through August 23, the Church sets aside the Gospel of Mark and takes the Gospels from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. They begin with John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and continue with the discourse on the Bread of Life. This lengthy treatment of the mystery we celebrate when we gather for the Eucharist is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect upon this mystery and let it form us more deeply.

## Not So "Ordinary" Time

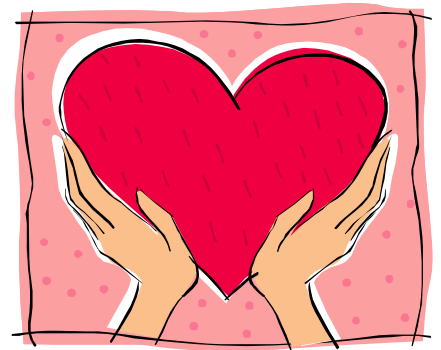
As we conclude the Season of Easter with the celebration of Pentecost on May 31, we begin Ordinary Time. In our minds we sometimes translate this Ordinary Time as "not so special" time. After all, are we not entering into this season after having just concluded our observance of the penitential season of Lent, the Easter Triduum and the joyful fifty days of Easter?

The word "ordinary" is from the Latin *ordo*, meaning "order." The thirty-three or thirty-four weeks of Ordinary Time are considered ordered for the living of an everyday Christian Life. Earlier this year we observed seven weeks of Ordinary Time following the Baptism of the Lord until Ash Wednesday. We will begin again on the Monday after Pentecost, June 1, and continue through the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 2009. These weeks have profound scriptures, including many from the Gospel of Mark, that help us focus on living our lives in harmony with the Gospel.

Each year during this segment of Ordinary Time we have a few special observances on Sundays that are called "Feasts of the Lord." This year we observe the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity on June 7, and the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ on June 14. The last, or thirty-fourth, Sunday of Ordinary Time is observed as the Solemnity of Christ the King—November 22, this year. These days are sometimes considered feasts of ideas or of devotion as they allow us to focus on a particular aspect of the mystery of Christ in order to renew and strengthen the Church.

## Sharing Hope in Tough Times

Catholic Charities has been convening a group of staff members, diocesan pastors, and parish representatives to formulate a response from the local Catholic Church to those who are coping with unemployment, under-employment, and anxiety about the current economy. This effort, known as "Sharing Hope in Tough Times," is developing liturgical resources to help pastoral leaders reach out to those who may be affected by job loss and economic hardship, as well as raise awareness about the plight of our brothers and sisters who are hurting, and our obligation to help them. Collaboration among several groups and individuals—including Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Office of Worship—has been important in the development of materials and a discussion of future direction.



The Sharing Hope in Tough Times committee is presently gathering information from parishes who have implemented their own programs and services targeting the needs of those suffering in the current economy. To share ideas for others to consider in their parishes, contact George Garchar, Associate Director of Social Action for Catholic Charities at 330-744-8451, ext. 326.

**PARISH FESTIVALS – 2009**

<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>PARISH</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>INFORMATION</u></b>
May 15-16	Regina Coeli/St. Joseph Alliance	663 Fernwood Blvd.	music; casino; rides; games; dinners; fair foods; bake sale; beer garden
June 4-7	St. Joseph, Campbell	633 Porter Ave.	homemade food; concessions; rides; polka Mass; games; free entertainment; Polka bands
June 11-14	St. Pius X, Warren	1401 Moncrest, NW	live entertainment nightly
June 12-14	Sacred Heart, Harrisburg	8267 N. Nickelplate St.	live band; Saturday Polka Mass & Polish dinner; Sunday fireworks; food; games; rides
June 14	St. Anthony, Canton	1530 – 11 <sup>th</sup> St. SE	Feast Day celebration; 10:30 am outdoor Mass & procession; food; games; Italian music; 5:00 pm Benediction
June 17-21	St. Nicholas, Struthers	764 Fifth St.	bands each night - POP Friday, Eddie Vallus Saturday after Polka Mass at 4 pm, Del Sinchak Sunday; raffle prizes of \$5000, \$3000, \$2000, \$1000 and 10-\$100
June 20	St. James, Waynesburg	400 W. Lisbon St.	live entertainment; beer garden; children's games, wine & sauce competition; 50/50 drawing; homemade pasta, sausage & peppers; bocce tournament
June 25-28	St. Charles, Boardman	7345 Westview at Rt. 224	music; fireworks; bingo etc.; bakery booth; beer tent
June 27-28	St. Ambrose, Garrettsville	10692 Freedom St.	chicken dinners; 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
July 9-12	St. Luke, Boardman	5235 South Ave.	Thursday night kids' night – free hot dogs to children under 12; entertainment nightly; Chinese auction
July 10-12	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Ashtabula	1200 E. 21 <sup>st</sup> St.	food; raffles; hourly drawings; entertainment; fireworks

**DATES****LOCATION****INFORMATION****PARISH**

July 10-12	St. Louis, Louisville	300 N. Chapel St.	Friday night: Circuit DJs; baton twirlers; Saturday night: Little Rock Band; Sunday: theater performance; dance troupe; Guitar Hero and cornhole tournaments
July 10-11	St. Barbara, Massillon	2809 Lincoln Way, NW	free live entertainment; food; games; beer garden
July 15-19	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Niles	381 Robbins Ave.	fireworks; entertainment; homemade Italian food; games; rides; basket raffles; \$5000 grand prize raffle
July 17-19	St. Joseph, Mantua	11045 St. Joseph Blvd.	46 <sup>th</sup> annual Ox Roast Fair: food; rides; games; contests; giveaways; raffles; live entertainment; tractor, truck & semi pulls; dining hall; casino; trade booths; <a href="http://www.stjosephmantua.com">www.stjosephmantua.com</a> for complete details
July 23-26	St. Rose, Girard	48 E. Main St.	homemade foods; rides; raffle; bingo; music; fireworks 11 pm Sunday
July 23-26	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Youngstown	343 Via Mt. Carmel	parade; 2 stages continuous entertainment; food & craft vendors; homemade wine contest; Little Prince & Princess pageant
July 30-Aug. 2	St. Rosa de Lima Campbell	394 Tenney Ave.	Spanish food; live entertainment; talent contest on Thursday; Kids Corner; games
August 16	St. Matthias, Yo.	915 Cornell Ave.	11:30 am polka Mass; Slovak food; music

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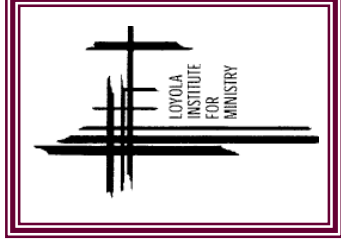
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## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

### LOYOLA INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY EXTENSION PROGRAM

## INFORMATION MEETING

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

St. James Parish

North Jackson, Ohio

Sponsored by  
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Office of Religious Education  
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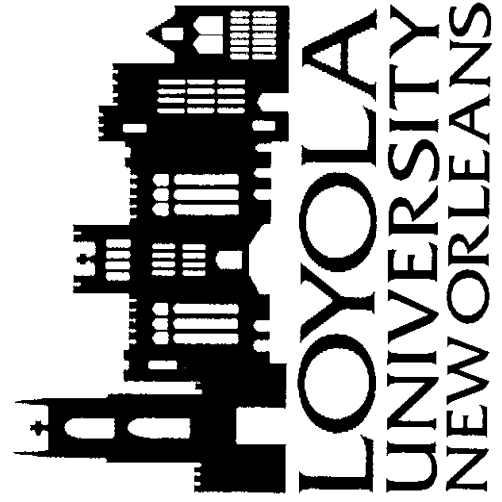
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**From the West:** Take Route 77N to Route 76E. Exit at Bailey Road. Right onto Bailey Road. Left on Mahoning Avenue. Right on Rosemont Road. Right into the parking lot of St. James Parish.

**From the North:** Take Route 11S to Route 76W. Exit at Bailey Road. Left onto Bailey Road. Left on Mahoning Avenue. Right on Rosemont Road. Right into the parking lot of St. James Parish.

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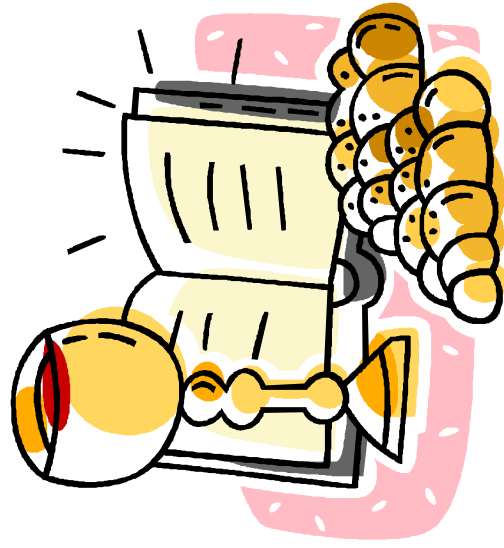
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## ACTION

Prayerful reflection on the Word of God moves us to personal and communal conversion and discernment for action. The "hope" empowers us to bring this discernment to life.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Prayer completes the movement of the scriptural reflection. This prayer may be formal or spontaneous and may include petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.



# Summer Scripture



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Chordas, Carlette and Thomas D. Saultine. "Lectio Divina...for Small Christian Communities?"  
*Today's Parish* 32.7 (2000): 25-27.  
Frohlich, Mary. *Praying with the Scriptures*. Cleveland: Center for Learning, 1993.  
McKenna, Megan. *Not Counting Women and Children*. Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 1994.  
Morello, Sam Anthony. *Lectio Divina and the Practice of Teresian Prayer*. Institute of Carmelite Studies, 1995.

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# Reflections

## Year B

## 2006

## PRAYER

Begin your reflection with an invocation to the Holy Spirit and with other opening prayers, hymns, and canticles appropriate for the season.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

Enkindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

O Lord who by the light of the Holy Spirit

Did instruct the hearts of your faithful.

Grant that by that same spirit,

We may be truly wise

And ever enjoy your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Proclaim the Gospel passage.**

○ 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	June 21	Mk 4: 35-41
○ 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	June 28	Mk 5: 21-43
○ 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	July 5	Mk 6: 1-6
○ 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	July 12	Mk 6: 7-13
○ 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	July 19	Mk 6: 30-34
○ 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	July 26	Jn 6: 1-15
○ 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Aug 2	Jn 6:24-35
○ 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Aug 9	Jn 6: 41-51
○ Assumption	Aug 15	Lk 1: 39-56
○ 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Aug 16	Jn 6: 51-58
○ 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Aug 23	Jn 6: 60-69
○ 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Aug 30	Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**Each person is invited to silently reflect upon the Scriptural text. Someone may be inspired to reread the passage for the group.**

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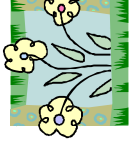
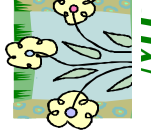
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## MEDITATION

In prayer, meditate on the selected passage using the following questions:

- ◇ **Examine the context of the select passage: Who is in the text? Where? When? What is happening?**
- ◇ **What phrase, words, images, or ideas stay with me as I reflect on this passage?**
- ◇ **What thoughts, ideas, or images in this passage make me feel uncomfortable? Why? (The conversion question: "Conversion starts at the edge of our awareness and acceptance and that change usually makes us uneasy" [McKenna 225].)**
- ◇ **What can I do to make this gospel passage come true in my life? In my community? (Start simply, be specific, share insights, and act [225].)**
- ◇ **What in this passage gives me hope and joy? Why?**

These questions may be used for personal meditation and/or for small group reflection.



## CONTEMPLATION and DIALOGUE

In prayerful contemplation, continue to reflect on the scriptural passage and questions. Open your heart to the powerful presence of God.

Within a small group, this personal and private contemplation moves to communal reflection and dialogue.