

**ST. BONIFACE -Goodsoil**

**ST. ANTONINUS-Pierceland**

**SACRED HEART -Loon Lake**

**July 25th & Aug. 1st**

# 17th & 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted. (John 6:12)**

In John’s telling of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, Jesus says very little. Out of a story that is 310 words long, Jesus speaks only 25! But there is a whole world of meaning behind each word.

First, Jesus sets the miracle in motion with a practical question: “Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” (John 6:5). Jesus knows what He is going to do, but He wants to prompt Philip and the other disciples to expand their expectations. He is pointing out a situation that is humanly impossible to solve so that they will begin to consider other, more divinely inspired options.

Next, He prepares everyone to receive the miracle He is about to perform: “Have the people recline” (John 6:10). They don’t have to do much—just take a position of rest and trust. Of course, that may not be easy when you’re hungry and you can’t see any food readily available. But that’s the way it is with the Lord: sometimes He asks you to rest and trust in His provision, even when you can’t see any possible hope of a way out.

Finally, He brings the miracle to a close: “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted” (John 6:12). Jesus is generous—exceedingly generous—but He is not wasteful. A lot was left over, and Jesus wanted to make sure it went to good use. These baskets of food—one for each apostle—were His way of telling us to be equally generous in sharing His blessings. Every gift He gives is meant not just for us; it’s meant to shape how we speak and act so that we can become stronger witnesses to His love.

Like manna from heaven, Jesus’ grace is always showering down on us. May we learn how to receive it and always be ready to offer it to the people around us!

**“Thank you, Jesus, for always giving me what I need!  
 Please show me how to share your blessings with everyone else.”**

*The Word Among Us - Daily Meditation*

**Spiritual Works of Mercy** *“We should pray for the Living and the Dead as this is one of the greatest acts of charity that we can do ..... they are totally dependent on the mercy of God and on our prayers, almsgiving or charity, as well as our sacrifices”* St. Francis de Sales

**Funeral Masses** - Saturday July 31st at St. Boniface 11:00 am - +Ewald Baumgardner 2:30 pm - +Lorne Lange

**July 26th to August 1st**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon July 26			Father is away on vacation	
Tue July 27				
Wed July 28				
Thur. July 29				
Fri. July 30				
Sat. July 31	11:00 am	Goodsoil	Funeral mass for +Ewald Baumgardner	
Sat. July 31	2:30 pm	Goodsoil	Funeral Mass for +Lorne Lange	
Sun. Aug. 1	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+John Hofer	Lydia Hofer Family
	11:00am	Pierceland	For All Parishioners	
	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	+Gene/Alva Setrakov	Ada Setrakov

**August 2nd - August 8th**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Aug. 2	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Dustin Hofer	Larry/Carol Hryhorak Family
Tue. Aug. 3	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Lucille Greschner	Leo/Louise Hetlinger
	7:00 pm	Pierceland	+Mary Greschner	Merlin/Chris Wild
Wed Aug. 4	7:00 pm	Goodsoil	+Brad Greschner	Leo/Louise Hetlinger
Thurs. Aug. 5	9:00 am	Pierceland	For Vocations	
	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	John/Ada Setrakov	Ada Setrakov
Fri. Aug. 6	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Eddie Shortman	Theresa Shortman
Sat. Aug. 7	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Gerald Zerr	Darby/Linda Zerr
	5:00 pm	Loon Lake	Shawn/Jocelyn Setrakov Family	Ada Setrakov
Sun. Aug. 8	9:00 am	Goodsoil	+Randy Zuchotzki	Laura and family
	11:00 am	Pierceland	For All Parishioners	

**GOODSOIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ministers / Cleaning Lists / Collection Counters** - As things start to return to the “new normal”, we will slowly begin to start using our lists of ministers, cleaners and counters. Please contact Carmen 306-238-7400 if you would like to be **added or removed from any list**. We are also looking for a list of available ushers during busy times. Until the lists are complete, ministers/cleaners/counters will be contacted personally to help for Sunday mass. Thank you all for your continued help and support when needed to keep our parish thriving.

**Responsible Ministry Session** - We will be having new and refresher ministry sessions in the fall. As we didn't have any sessions last year, all who are involved in ministries will need to attend the session. Dates will follow

**PIERCELAND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**St. Antoninus Parishioners:** So things are slowly returning to pre Covid ways.

There will be sign up sheets for all jobs, example~ readers, monogram, servers etc on the table at the church entrance. If you could have a look and sign up with whatever you are comfortable helping with for our parish, that would be awesome! The sheets will be out until August 15. The first calendar will be for September to the end of December 2021. **Thank you** for your continued support of our parish.

You can call or text Colleen Niedermaier for more information. 306.839.7604

**Gospel Reflection** This Sunday we rejoice because of the great nourishment that God gives us daily through Christ, who is the bread of life. Through Christ, we as Christians have undergone what Paul refers to as the spiritual revolution which is contrary to the physical revolution of the Israelites in the desert against Moses and God. So our satisfaction is no longer dependent only on material things but, mostly on spiritual things and food (that is, the Eucharist) which Christ provides for us on our journey.

One important lesson our first reading and gospel teach us today is that when we pay too much attention to material things, we might fail to pay attention to the spiritual ones, or might even forget the goodness of God in the past. So, rather than counting our blessings we might end up counting our woes, and blaming God for our misfortunes. Our relationship with God must not be based alone on how much material things he is able to provide for us.

This is the reason Paul advised us today in our second reading: “I urge you in the name of the Lord do not go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live...you must give up your old way of life...which gets corrupted by following illusory desires.” Illusory desires include those physical desires that do not last or prevent us from appreciating God's goodness to us. That is, those desires that are more physically rather than spiritually oriented.

Finally, the gospel teaches us that Christ is the bread from heaven and is present in the Holy Eucharist. So each time we receive him both physically and spiritually, we receive more life and satisfaction. He is the one who feeds and strengthens us on our journey in this world, as God strengthened the Israelites in the desert when, “He gave them bread from heaven.”