

Dear Padre,

Jesus gave his disciples both bread and wine and said, “Do this in memory of me.” But our priest decided that we cannot receive from the cup at Communion. Does he have the right to deny his parishioners the Precious Blood?

“The diocesan bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds for his own diocese, which must be observed” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America*, 24). (Also see *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 283.) After the COVID-19 pandemic, many parishes did not resume Communion under both kinds. Some opted instead to make the Precious Blood available only on major solemnities. However, “Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds” (*GIRM* 281). “It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do...partake of the chalice (cf. no. 283), so that even by means of the signs Communion may stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated” (*GIRM* 85). Still, pastors “should instruct the Christian faithful...that Christ, whole and entire, and the true Sacrament, is received even under only one species, and hence...those who receive under only one species are not deprived of any grace that is necessary for salvation” (*GIRM* 282). ●



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Mond ay	Wednesday	Sat u rd ay
August 3 Weekday Jer 28:1–17 Mt 14:22–36 T uesday	August 5 Weekday Jer 31:1–7 Mt 15:21–28 T h u r s d a y	August 8 St. Dominic, Priest Hb 1:12–2:4 Mt 17:14–20 Su nd ay
August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22 Mt 14:22–36 or Mt 15:1–2, 10–14	August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 2 Pt 1:16–19 Mt 17:1–9 Fr iday	August 9 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a Rom 9:1–5 Mt 14:22–33
	August 7 Weekday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7 Mt 16:24–28	

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV
[Friendship with the Lord] is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer.... Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

GENERA AUDIENCE,
ROME,
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Our Parish
COMMUNITY

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 55:1–3 / Romans 8:35, 37–39 / Matthew 14:13–21



They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full.

MATTHEW 14:20



Seeing as God Sees

Even when the apostles think they have anticipated what is needed, they often come up short. Not a lack of preparation or a lack of talent, but something is missing, nonetheless. In the gospel, they announce to Jesus that there is not enough food to eat. The crowds are too massive. They are too far away from the resources they need. But Jesus is not concerned. He sees what they are incapable of seeing. He believes in ways they cannot even begin to comprehend.

In blessing the limited amount of food they scrounge up for him, Jesus reveals to them an abundance they were unable to see. Not only is there enough for all who have assembled, there is more than enough, beyond their wildest imaginings.

How did the apostles understand what they experienced this day? How did they react to the miraculous, overflowing abundance where there was once scarcity? How could there be something where there was nothing?

The real lesson of the gospel is not necessarily the miraculous. Rather, the real lesson of the gospel is found in the invitation to see, to hope, to anticipate that with God all is possible. Even when it seems like a dead end. Even when nothing adds up. Even when you come up short. ●



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OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Do you wish you could see a certain person or situation more like the way God sees?



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 9 a.m.

Monday, August 3rd at 5 p.m.

Friday, August 7th at 8 a.m.

Confessions: Please know that confessions are available anytime by appointment and Saturdays prior to Mass.

Scripture Study: Wednesdays at 6 p.m. – Study the scripture for the upcoming weekend and enhance your experience of Mass.

Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on Thursday, August 6th. Although not a holy day of obligation, it is a significant feast on our liturgical calendar. Mass will not be celebrated locally as Fr. Don will be in Bowling Green for a Glenmary district meeting, however please keep this day extra holy!

Adoration: This Friday, August 7th is First Friday and all day adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up by entrance of the church to embrace an hour of intimate prayer. The more families involved – the better, as we pray for our parish community and personal intentions.

Riddley's Helping Hand - August Roundup: We are collecting pajamas of all sizes (can be new or used just stain & hole free) and new small toiletry bags to add all the basic essentials like toothbrush/toothpaste, lotion, deodorant, feminine products, etc. A donation box will be in the entrance of the church for your convenience.

Hall Improvement: Thanks to your generosity, we are in the process of removing right outer wall and stairwell walls due to lack of insulation and water barrier. We will finish the insulation project which was started earlier, move electrical outlets and switch boxes, apply two coats of primer, paint AND much, much, much more. Bless You.

Help Needed: We need assistance in taking a turn to clean our church. If we get additional help, one's turn would not come up as often. If you can help us with this rewarding ministry, call Olga at 615-418-6607

Last Week Collections: \$1,978.54 - Building - \$100 - Bless you for caring and sharing in the fruit of your labors. We pledge to be the best of stewards with the fruit of your generosity.

Pastor's Desk: Thanks to all the folks who volunteer their labors of love by cleaning our church, mowing our huge lawn, and volunteer opportunities. Your sweat equity efforts demonstrate that you perceive "church" to be a privilege, and not a convenience. Well Done! Fr. Don's cell phone is temporarily inoperative. Please use the landline at 615-281-8327.