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Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

Napoleon (d.1821) won his victories largely by concentrating his forces with unexpected speed. But this meant forced marches for his soldiers, living in the country where supplies soon ran out. Lack of food meant much illness and many casualties. "An army marches on its stomach" he said, and offered a prize of 20,000 francs to anybody who would invent some way of preserving food. A Parisian chef won the prize with a plan for a process of bottling food previously cooked. Later in London this was improved, by substituting tins for glass bottles (the beginning of the canning industry). The manufacturers kept the French name "boeuf bouilli", so the English soldiers called it bully beef. (F. H. Drinkwater)

We believe the Eucharist supplies Christ's army of disciples on their march to heaven with the spiritual food it needs for the journey. 'Jesus, Bread of Life, we praise and thank you for giving yourself to us in the Most Holy Blessed Sacrament!'

We have heard many positive remarks about our recent Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) program, which was enjoyed in June. Now it is time to look ahead to another popular program, **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**. It will take place from **Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st**. VBS will be held in the evening **from 6:00pm – 8:30pm** for children pre-school age 4 through the 4th grade. Children in this age group are invited to **join Crocodile Dock for a great time!**

The directors of our Religious Education programs have been busy preparing for the coming school year. It is a continuing challenge to shape the lives of faith of our young children. It is something that we need to do together, parents, extended family, and the volunteer staff of our religious education program. We will share the ministry of teaching these young people the beauty of the Catholic faith, which will make an impression that will remain with them for the rest of their lives.

On August 8th the Neighborhood Parish Leaders will be hosting a Family Fun Night. Entertainment will be available for all ages. Sport activities, cards for those who like to play a hand of 500 or other game of choice. Hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and other items will be available for purchase. **The festivities will start after the 4:00 pm Mass and will end at 8:00 pm.** It will take place in front of the church. All are welcome!

The office staff and I wish you well and pleasant summer days!

Fr. Hal Barber