

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
200 Front Street, Pierce City, MO 65723  
July 24, 2022 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR JULY 23 – JULY 31**

**ST. MARY'S**

Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Charlotte Sloan
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Louise Bellm
Monday	8:15 a.m.	No Rosary & Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:15 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Leo & Patrice Schulte
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+James Parrigon Sr. Anniversary

**ST. AGNES**

Tues.	No Mass
Thurs.	No Mass
Sun.	10:30a.m.

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK:**

Monday, July 25	Feast of Saint James, Apostle
Tuesday, July 26	Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, July 29	Memorial of Saint Martha

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Monday, August 1	Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Dr. of the Church 8:15 a.m. Rosary and Communion Service 8:15 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, August 3	Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest 8:15 a.m. Mass
Thursday, August 4	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday, August 5	
Saturday, August 6	

**OUR GIFT TO GOD LAST WEEK: Collection Counters in August:**

Our weekly budget is \$7,800.00      Last Week's Collection: \$ 3565.00

**UPDATE TUCKPOINTING PROJECT:** We are still short \$9,682.00 short of making our goal of \$65,000.00. **We cannot schedule the work until we meet our goal, and the longer we have to wait our cost could go up to have the tuckpointing done.** If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by mailing or putting your pledge in the collection marked tuckpointing.

**DDF:** To date our parish has given \$14,867.00 toward our \$21,950.00 goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please make a sacrifice, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card. We ask everyone to participate, as you are able.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS** Andrea Kristek, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY GO TO THE FAMILY OF WILBERT FENSKE.** May he be living with God and may his family feel his peace.

**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSRCCD):** We have been blessed to have dedicated teachers who willingly give their time to make PSR a rewarding experience for the kids. Would you like to be involved? If you have thought about offering to teach a class but have hesitated, please pray about it. It is a personally enriching experience and a great way to contribute to YOUR CHURCH. We are needing teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering to teach please contact Martha Randall at 417-489-4589.

**BENEFIT DINNER** Auction & Raffle for Kaden Abramovitz, 2 year old son of Zak Abramovitz & Kyla Freeman Abramovitz. It will be held on Saturday, August 6 at 5 p.m. It will be at St. Mary's Gym in Pierce City. Proceeds will go to help pay for medical expenses and funeral costs. There will be a pulled pork dinner and a live band. For more information see the flyer in the back of church.

## APPOINTMENTS

If you are unable to make your appointment, please find a replacement

Saturday, July 30 4:00 p.m. Mass

Readers: Madeline Ceselski, Beverly Miller

E.M.: Lora Saffer

Ushers: Tom Cahalan, Tommy Cahalan, Bill Seufert, Bryan Stellwagen

Sunday, July 31 8:30 a.m. Mass

Readers: Mary Abramovitz, Heather Gripka

E.M.: Brad Gripka, Heather Gripka (Choir)

Ushers: Dereck Washam, Rick Washam, Darren Brown, Dustin Avondet

# Good News

## INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32  
Psalm 138:1-3,6-8  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

**Monday July 25**

**St. James**

2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Ps 126:1bc-6  
Matthew 20:20-28

**Tuesday July 26**

**Sts. Joachim and Anne**

Jeremiah 14:17-22  
Ps 79:8,9,11,13  
Matthew 13:36-43

**Wednesday July 27**

Jeremiah 15:10,16-21  
Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17,18  
Matthew 13:44-46

**Thursday July 28**

Jeremiah 18:1-6  
Ps 146:1b-6ab  
Matthew 13:47-53

**Friday July 29**

**Sts. Martha, Mary, Lazarus**

Jeremiah 26:1-9  
Ps 69:5,8-10,14  
John 11:19-27  
or Luke 10:38-42

**Saturday July 30**

Jeremiah 26:11-16,24  
Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34  
Matthew 14:1-12

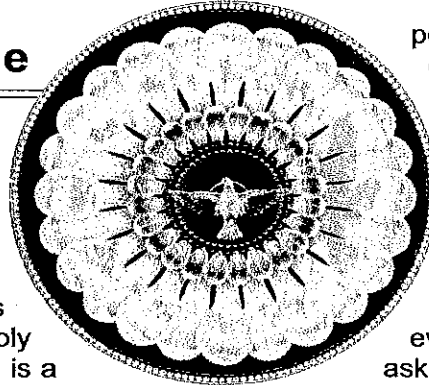
In Luke 11:1-13, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. The "bread" that runs as a theme in this scripture is the life of holiness. The "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a *holy* life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" – the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must

be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be



persistent. Receiving God's bread takes time (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says we can have everything we ask for as fast as

we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the dangerously unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

1. How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life?
2. How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?
3. Describe your prayer life. How does it help you become holier in your daily activities?
4. How has the Holy Spirit purified you?