



JULY 24, 2022 | 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Anthony

417 Caroline St, PO Box 206
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Tues, Wed, & Fri - 8:15 am
Thursday - Athenian Living - 9:00 am
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 9:30 am
Confession, Saturday - 3:00 pm

St. Thomas

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Sunday - 8:00 am

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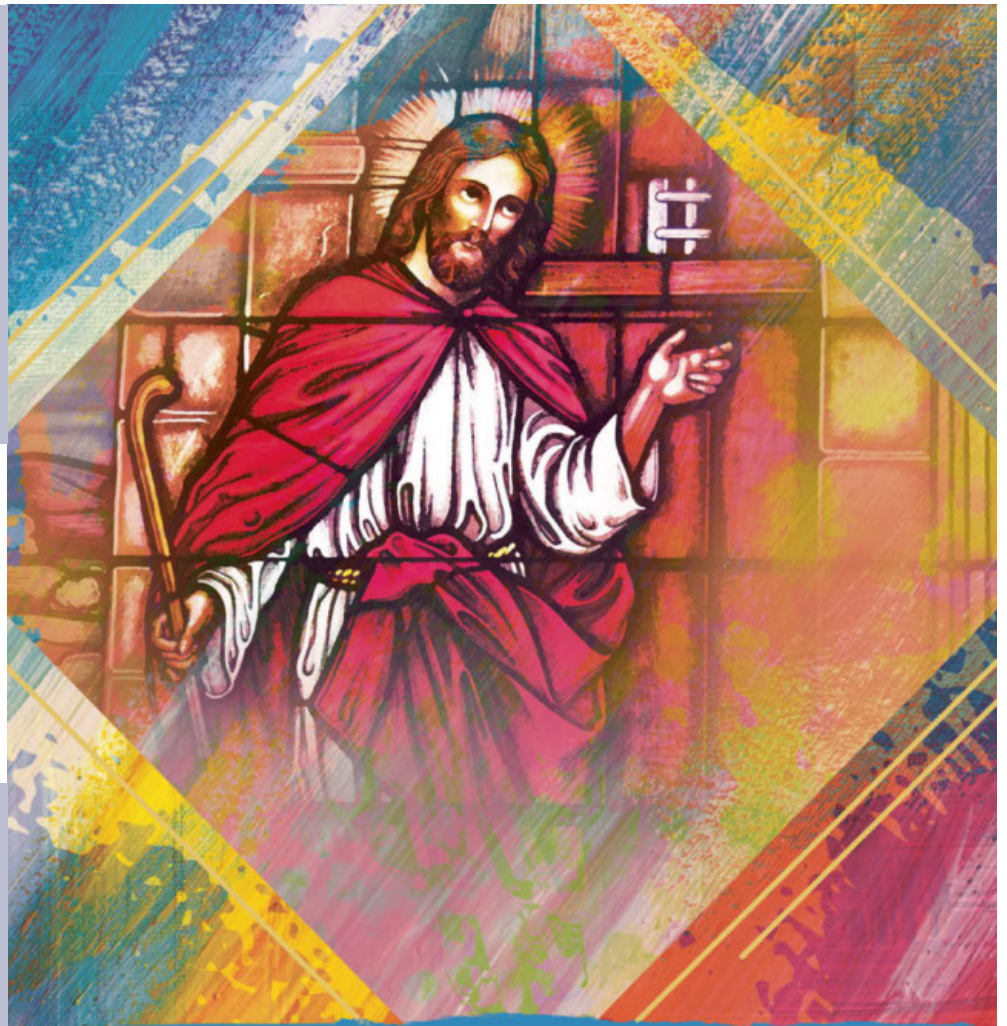
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“He will get up to give him whatever he needs
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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PASTOR'S CORNER

A tale is told about a small town that had always been "dry." One day, however, a local businessman erected a tavern. A group of Christians from a local church were concerned and they convened an all-night prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. It just so happened that shortly thereafter lightning struck the tavern burning it down to the ground. The owner of the bar sued the church, claiming that the prayers of the congregation were responsible, but the church hired a lawyer to argue in court that they were not responsible. The presiding judge, after his initial review of the case, stated, "No matter how this case comes out, one thing is clear: the tavern owner believes in prayer and the Christians do not." The main themes of today's Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the ideal prayer, the Our Father, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer, with trusting faith and boldness. In short, the readings teach us what to pray and how to pray. The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us a model of intercessory prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skillful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is actually being moved to mercy by the godness of a few innocent souls. In the gospel passage, after teaching a model prayer, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray to God their heavenly Father with the same boldness, daring, intimacy, conviction, persistence and perseverance shown both by Abraham and by the friend in need in Jesus' parable. Jesus gives us the assurance that God will neither be irritated by our requests nor unwilling to meet them with generosity.

JOKE OF THE WEEK Memory pills to remember the prayers. Two elderly men were walking along the beach and their wives were walking behind them. One man says, "Eddie, did you know I've been taking these new memory pills to help me remember my prayers? They're tremendous." "I would like to improve my memory too," said the other man.

"What are those pills called?" The first man scratches his head, embarrassed because he can't remember the name of the memory pills. "Wait!" he exclaims. "Let me ask my wife." He thinks a moment and then says, "My God! I forgot her name. It's the same name as a flower with red petals, long green stems and thorns." "The rose?" Eddie guesses. "Yes, that's her name!" The first man replies, smiling brightly, as he turns around to ask his wife. "Rose! What is the name of those memory pills I take?"

MISSION COOP

Please be generous to this year's Mission Appeal. Your donations will go to support the Polish Redemptorists who have helped Ukrainian refugees find shelter in their communities.

Below is a link to YouTube presentation about constructing the church in Togliatti that is build with the funds collected during the Mission Appeal: <https://youtu.be/XVDWUg6d3t0>

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Congratulations to the Neil Bergmann family for being selected as the Family of the Month.

CIRCLE OF JOY

The Circle of Joy is in need of instant oatmeal (packets), canned peaches, fruit juice, JIFFY corn bread mix, boxed pasta (NOT Mac & Cheese), rice, spaghetti, variety soups, boxed potatoes, canned chicken and tuna, pudding and jello, and deodorant. Thank you!

SCRIP

During summer, SCRIP will be sold in school IMMEDIATELY after morning Mass on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, as well as weekend Masses at both St. Thomas and St. Anthony. Any other needs or questions call (715) 257-9274 and Lil or Joanne will help you out.

CONFIRMATION

This year, confirmation for St. Anthony and St. Thomas students will be held on October 8th, 4:00 pm at St. Mary's in Marathon. The required confirmation retreat is September 25th at St. Thomas, Milan. More information to come.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Please let them know you saw their ad in our church bulletin.



ST. ANTHONY NEWS

FAIR NEWS

DONATIONS NEEDED: SLICED AMERICAN CHEESE, SHREDDED CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND BUTTER.

We will not have a fish fry this year during the fair. Three new items will be added to the menu. They are fish sandwiches (Friday only), walking tacos, and macaroni & cheese.

There are still some spots left to be filled to work. Please sign up in the back of church. Thank you!

CCD MEETING FOR TEACHERS

Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26 at 6:30 PM in school. Discussion will be on the new programs and anything else that is needed to be discussed for the upcoming year.

We will be in need of a 1st grade teacher. If you are interested in volunteering, please plan to attend this meeting or contact Sharon Westfall at 715-370-0583.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

- 7/25 Doris Bollech
- 7/25 Jonathon Blake
- 7/26 Anne Boneske
- 7/28 Raymond Weiss
- 7/29 Roy Boneske
- 7/29 Elaine Brunke
- 7/29 Louise Ellenbecker

Happy Anniversary to the following:

- 7/25 James & Ashley Wilson
- 7/28 Mathew & Crystal Sebold
- 7/30 Zachary & Stephanie Gruling

STEWARDSHIP

July 16 & 17, 2022

Online -----	791.00
Weekly -----	5379.00
Offertory -----	221.00
Total	6,391.00

ST. THOMAS NEWS

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to the following:

- 7/27 Janice Brusky
- 7/28 James Kunze

STEWARDSHIP

July 17, 2022

Weekly-----	780.00
Offertory-----	62.00
Total	842.00

DIOCESE NEWS

Chris Stefanick to speak on Living Joy - Wednesday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Living Joy is an urgently needed message for a world grasping for joy but settling for short-lived pleasures. With his characteristic humor and insights from daily life, Chris Stefanick will share the path to living joy, the joy that only Jesus Christ can give. Chris, an internationally known author and speaker, will present virtually on Wednesday, August 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. The first 80 people to register will receive Chris's new book, "Living Joy," retail cost of \$24. To register, download a brochure and/or poster, visit diolc.org/witness-joy.

Called to the Joy of Love: Natural Family Planning supporting God's plan for love and life!

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July 24-30, 2022. Come experience the Joy of Love and find a NFP class (in-person and online) at diolc.org/nfp. Have questions about using NFP in your marriage? Call 608.791.2658 to connect with Christy.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

In his dialogue with the Lord, Abraham questions the idea of justice and divine retribution. What questions do you have for the Lord?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Gentile believers in the city of Colossae to understand that all who have faith in Jesus (Jews and Gentiles alike) share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. How do you help fellow Christians who feel disenfranchised?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches his disciples to be persistent and bold in their prayers to the Father. How would you characterize your prayer life?



Liturgical Ministers



SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022

LECTOR:	Kathy Luther
BODY OF CHRIST:	Nicole Ellenbecker
BLOOD OF CHRIST:	
USHERS:	Group 2
SERVERS:	Daxton Diethelm McKenna Lepak
SCRIP SELLER:	Dolly Schreiner

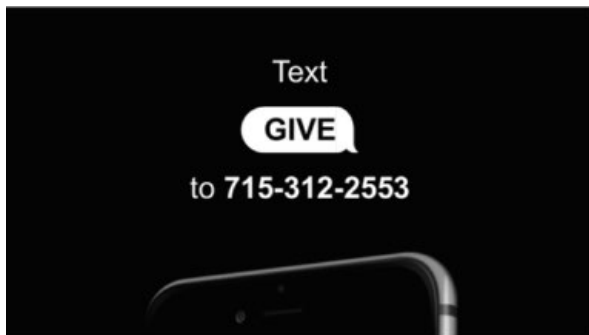
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

ST. THOMAS - MILAN - 8:00 AM

LECTOR:	Marilyn Klemetson
USHERS:	Ron Yessa Bill Yessa
SERVERS:	Tryce Schreiner Benno Venzke
SCRIP SELLER:	Tina Schreiner

ST. ANTHONY - ATHENS - 9:30 AM

LECTOR:	Mark Ellenbecker
BODY OF CHRIST:	Carrie Haehlke
BLOOD OF CHRIST:	
USHERS:	Group 3
SERVER:	Grace Schreiner Volunteer
SCRIP SELLER:	Lori Ellenbecker



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 25, NO MASS

St. James, Apostle

Tuesday, July 26, 8:15 am

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

† Marcy Kornack - Chuck Kornack

Wednesday, July 27, 8:15 am

Weekday

† Rev. Charles Hiebl - PCCW

Thursday, July 28, 9:00 am at A. L.

Weekday

† Adeline Gauerke - Jane Bunkelman

Friday, July 29, 8:15 am

St. Martha

† Rev. Charles Hiebl

Saturday, July 30, 4:00 pm

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

† Clarence Schreiner - Family

Sunday, July 31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Rick Stuttgen - R & I Bartnik

9:30 am † Ethel & Nick Schommer

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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