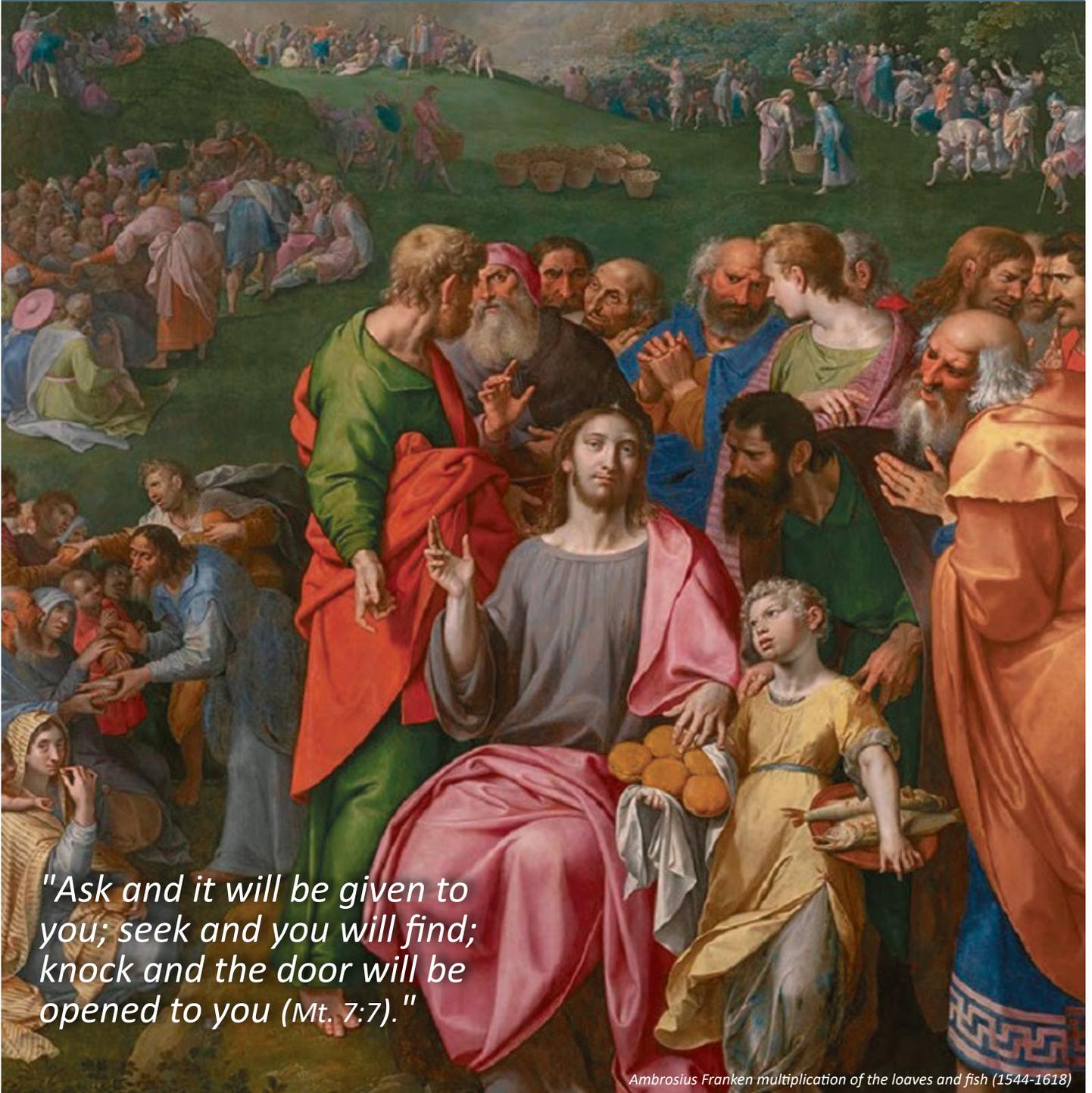


# St. Thomas More

## Catholic Parish & School

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 24, 2022



*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (Mt. 7:7)."*

*Ambrosius Franken multiplication of the loaves and fish (1544-1618)*

# pastor's note



This spring I went to see the "Wizard of Oz" ballet. Yes, the ballet. It was a beautiful performance with a marvelous musical score. I left the theater edified and delighted.

Some people are edified in reading this because they share an appreciation for ballet, others are disinterested

because they would not care to attend the ballet.

In his book, "Darkness in the Marketplace," Fr. Thomas Green reflects on the difference between "Working for God" and "Doing God's Works." The essence of his teaching can be illustrated with the follow example: If you wanted to buy me a gift for my birthday you could guess what I would want and buy it for me, or you could ask me what I want. What if you asked and I said that I want you to take me to the ballet? Now, what if you don't like the ballet? You know what I want, but you don't have the desire to give it to me.

The question becomes: will you give me a gift of your choosing, or will you give me what I asked for? It is easy to bring this analogy into focus with our relationship with God. We can "work for God," that is, we can choose what we want to give him, how we want him to be, how we want the Church to function, how we want to serve

God, or we can ask God what he would like and then do whatever he wishes, we can "do God's works." The latter is riskier and potentially more costly, because we may find out that God wants something we are not inclined to do.

If we work for God, he will certainly be pleased by the love that is expressed in our service. That said, it may not be what he really wants from us and what is best for us and his larger plan. The larger plan is to build up his kingdom. You may want to choose to do the drywall, but what if God needs you to fix the plumbing? The spiritually mature disciple subordinates his or her choices to the end that is sought by God, then accepts the means as they are revealed by him. Those means may not be what we initially desire, but they are what God wants, and they turn out to be the things we ultimately need, the things that will make us flourish. Disciples trust that God knows what is best for them and his kingdom. Thus, we should say to the Lord, "How can I help build up your kingdom?" And when he says that we need to fix the plumbing, our response should be, "consider it done!"

When we pray, we ought to begin by expressing our gratitude for all the mercy that has been shown to us. Then, instead of telling God how we will respond to his generosity, we should ask God what response he desires. Let us tell the Lord, "Thy will be done," and mean it, live it and witness it for others.

— Fr. Randy



## Welcome to St. Thomas More!

*Go and make disciples*

### Clergy

**Pastor:** Rev. Randy Dollins

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### Parish Office

303.770.1155 | Hours: Monday–Friday: 8:00AM–5:00PM

**Sunday Masses:** Saturday (Anticipatory): 4:00 & 5:30PM  
 Sunday: 7:00, 8:30 & 10:30AM (incense; live-streamed),  
 12:30PM, 5:30PM

**Daily Masses:** Monday–Friday: 6:30 & 9:00AM. Saturday: 7:30AM

**Confessions:** Monday–Friday: 8:00AM, Thursday: 6:30PM, Saturday: 8:15AM

**Holy Hour for Vocations:** Thursday: 6:30–7:30PM

**Perpetual Adoration:** 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration in the Adoration Chapel. Contact: [adoration@stthomasmore.org](mailto:adoration@stthomasmore.org).

**Sacrament of Baptism:** For baptisms, contact Sandra Schwab at [sandras@stthomasmore.org](mailto:sandras@stthomasmore.org) no less than one month prior to the baptism ceremony. Visit [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org) for more information.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** For weddings, contact Melanie Lauer at [melaniel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:melaniel@stthomasmore.org) no less than eight months prior to the wedding for marriage preparation information.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Contact the parish office at onset of illness. In case of death in the family, contact the parish office immediately at 303.770.1155.

**For sacramental emergencies when the parish office is closed,** call 303.370.0242.

# prayer



## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, July 24:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Michael J. Ulch  
8:30AM Lorraine Beiriger  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Robert, Sr. & Robert, Jr. Aguirre  
5:30PM Greg Marshall †

### Monday, July 25:

6:30AM John Koskovich †  
9:00AM Maddux Winter-Cole

### Tuesday, July 26:

6:30AM Asher Novoa  
9:00AM Tyler Spresser †

### Wednesday, July 27:

6:30AM Joey McClure †  
9:00AM Michael Sanchez

### Thursday, July 28:

6:30AM Catherine Novoa †  
9:00AM Melinda Mossman

### Friday, July 29:

6:30AM Denise Fanzo †  
9:00AM Jeannie Reef †

### Saturday, July 30:

7:30AM Turin Hansen †  
4:00PM Gary McKinzie  
5:30PM Hilbert & Lillian Ripper †

### Sunday, July 31:

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM Robert Cotter †  
8:30AM Sr. Rosetta Lombardi, MPF †  
10:30AM Mass for the People of St. Thomas More  
12:30PM Carole Visocky †  
5:30PM Michael B. Hilger †

## This Week's Prayer Intentions

### Pray for our ill parish members & relatives:

Baby Connor Brink, Karen Ann Maroney and Walter and Mary McCormick.

### Pray for our deceased parish members & relatives:

Byron Brumbaugh, Pete Cassidy, Maria Sorenson, Monika Stellar and J.B. Wisotski.

Due to the Privacy Act, only immediate family members may request a name to be placed on the prayer list. Please call 303.770.1155.

## Praise & Worship

Join us for a night of fellowship and spiritual reflection.



Come for an evening of prayer, uplifting music, inspiring reflection by Fr. Chris Marbury and Eucharistic adoration.

### Friday, August 5:

7:00PM – Praise Music and Reflection  
7:30PM – Holy Hour with Exposition, Benediction and Procession with the Blessed Sacrament  
8:30PM – Refreshments in the Padre

Details: visit our website or contact the parish office at 303.770.1155.

## Perpetual Adoration



Many graces flow from Perpetual Adoration at STM. Those who have committed to weekly adoration have been blessed in countless ways. Join the faithful utilizing our chapel and sign up for an hour as a regular adorer.

To see the schedule visit our website at [centennial.weadorehim.com](http://centennial.weadorehim.com) and sign up. For questions, please call 303.220.3392. Thank you!

## Prayer in the Square

Join us in prayer every first Saturday of the month.



Come and pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our country and the whole world.

### Saturday, August 6:

9:00AM at Civic Green Park in Highlands Ranch Town Center

Visit [prayerinthesquare.com](http://prayerinthesquare.com) for more information (select the Highlands Ranch location). For questions, contact Eddy Ng at 303.506.2944.



For prayer requests, please visit our website or use our parish app.

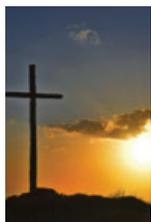


Daily readings available on our website & parish app.

# faith



## Thinking About Becoming Catholic?



**This Sunday, July 24:**  
11:30AM–1:30PM in the parish rectory

Are you curious about Catholicism, thinking about becoming Catholic or possibly know someone who is interested? Join us for a barbecue at the rectory. We can meet, answer your questions and help you discern your next step along your faith journey.

Contact John Cox at 303.221.9244 or [johnc@stthomasmore.org](mailto:johnc@stthomasmore.org) to answer any questions.

## Registration for 2022 – 2023 Children’s Catechesis

Sign up now for our wonderful faith-formation programs.



It’s time to register your children for catechesis and sacrament classes starting this fall on **Sunday, September 11**. Registration is online only so scan the QR code or visit [stthomasmore.org](http://stthomasmore.org).

The Office of Catechesis will also be available in the narthex after all Masses on the weekends of August 6 & 7 and 13 & 14 in order to provide information and answer any questions. **Registration closes Friday, August 19, at 12:00 midnight.**

## Denver Catholic Catechetical School

Journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church this fall!



**Begins Wednesday, September 14:**  
9:45AM–12:00PM in St. Francis Hall at St. Thomas More

Only eight more weeks until Catechetical School begins!

Students frequently comment that the Mass and sacraments suddenly came alive because of their studies at the Catechetical School. **Join us for free talks on Wednesday, August 3, 17, and 31 at 9:45AM** in St. Francis Hall.

Visit [sjvlaydivision.org](http://sjvlaydivision.org) or call 303.715.3195 to learn more and to register.

## Moms and Tots

Meet other moms to share faith and fellowship!



**Begins Friday, September 9:**  
9:00–11:30AM in St. Francis Hall

Join other moms of young children to grow in your faith and meet new friends!

We meet twice monthly on Friday mornings from September through May. Babies stay with mom during the meetings and supervised childcare is available for toddlers and preschool-aged children.

Register by scanning the QR code. Registration is open and runs through the end of August. For more information or questions, contact [momstots@stthomasmore.org](mailto:momstots@stthomasmore.org).

## Respect For All Life

“When life itself is violated at its emergence, what remains is no longer the grateful and enchanted welcome of a gift, but a cold calculation of what we have and what we can use. Then even life is reduced to a one-time-use consumer good.” – Pope Francis



Learn about other announcements, giving opportunities, events and ministries at our parish by liking our “St. Thomas More Catholic Parish” page on Facebook!

# time & talent



## Time & Talent Fair



**Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28:**  
in McCallin Hall

Our last Time & Talent Fair was held in August of 2019 and we are excited to announce that it is back!

Your new Time & Talent Guidebook filled with information pertaining to our 80+ ministries and programs will soon arrive in your mailbox.

Check it out and plan to attend this year's Time & Talent Fair to see how your time and talent can make a difference!

## Calling on Ministry Leaders

Help us lift up our faithful servants.

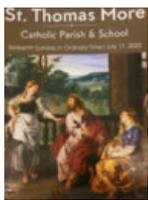


STM has many ministries filled with dedicated people faithfully serving others with their time and talents. We want to highlight your ministry members who may have served the longest, may have gone above and beyond in their ministry or someone who has a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and desire to serve.

Please let us know about them. Simply email Irene Lindemer at irenel@stthomasmore.org with the individual's name and a description of what they bring to your ministry. Thank you!

## Publish in our Bulletin

Let parishioners know about your ministry!



We are here to help your events, ministries and programs be a great success. Send in your bulletin announcement and website post request **14 days before publish date.**

Just click the Promotional Submissions link on the home page of our website under Parish Links and complete the form. We will do the rest for you.

Please email Heidi Peterson at heidip@stthomasmore.org with any questions.

## Are You On Flocknote?



All parish email communications are sent through Flocknote. You choose what info you would like to receive—via email or text message—from your various ministries and programs. Signing up is easy and you can unsubscribe at any time. Text STMCO to 84576 or all 303.770.1155.

## Reflections at Your Fingertips

Download our parish app!



Our FREE parish app can give you easy access to daily readings, worship guide, reflections and more.

For the app download link, text APP to 88202. Or, search for "myParish – Catholic Life" in your app store.

Once you download the app, follow the welcome screens to look up and select St. Thomas More Parish in Centennial.

## Questions of the Week



**Adult:** Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often?

**Child:** What are you most thankful for right now?

# treasure



## School Supply Drive

Thank you for helping a child prepare for school.



**Saturday & Sunday, July 30 & 31:** in the Narthex

Thank you for taking part in our annual School Supply drive to help homeless and low-income school children served by Catholic Charities.

**Please return your backpack and supplies to the Narthex by next Sunday, July 31.** Thank you for helping a child in need!

For questions, contact Irene Lindemer at [irenel@stthomasmore.org](mailto:irenel@stthomasmore.org).

## Support STM with eGiving

Thank you for your kind consideration.



Online donations through Faith Direct help sustain our parish ministries and keep our offertory consistent during the busy summer vacation months, even while you're out of town.

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## Poor Box

Help the poor and needy of our community.



Consider anonymous almsgiving by donating to the poor box at the side entrances of the church. Donations from the poor boxes are used to purchase King Soopers gift cards to be given to people who come to us with an immediate, and often urgent, need for assistance.

## How Will You Remember?

Make the most significant charitable gift of your lifetime.



Imagine a gift that keeps on giving. A donation of cash, stock, real estate or life insurance entrusted to our parish through The Catholic Foundation, can grow to provide support now and for generations to come.

For questions, please call tThe Catholic Foundation and speak with Deacon Steve Stemper, Lisa Kukura or Joshua Gideon at 303.468.9885. To learn more, visit the website at [TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://TheCatholicFoundation.com).

# vocations

## Traveling Chalice



Praying for vocations this week:

### The Weiland Family

If you would like to bring the chalice into your home to pray for an increase in vocations, just scan the QR code for availability.

For questions, contact Karen Smoody at [karens@stthomasmore.org](mailto:karens@stthomasmore.org) or call 720.482.3594.

## Stewardship – A Way of Life

" Father, hallowed be your name, may your kingdom come—and give us each day our daily bread (Luke 11:2-3)."

Honoring God's name and praying for the coming of God's kingdom is followed immediately by the request for food! Lofty goals and simple needs. Apparently God's kingdom involves simple things like feeding the hungry and caring for the needy.

# youth: middle & high school



## Life with a Mission

This retreat is for both Youth Ministry's, Breakaway and EchoFire!



Life with a Mission is a four-day (non-sleep over) retreat. Experience fun theme nights, games, talks, faith and so much more!

**Sunday, July 24:**  
5:30–9:00PM the Kick Off!

**Monday–Wednesday, July 25–27:**  
6:00–9:00PM  
Each night we will have a different theme. Stay tuned!

**Thursday, July 28:**  
11:30AM–4:00PM Boondocks optional. Drop off at Raising Cane's in Parker and pick up from Boondocks.

If you can't make it everyday, no problem, come when you can!

Pricing is \$20.00 without Boondocks and \$60.00 with Boondocks on Thursday. Scan the QR code to register. For questions, call the youth office at 303.220.3388.

## Summer Pool Party

Come make a splash and celebrate summer with us!



We welcome all middle school and high school youth for an afternoon of fun in the sun. Invite your friends too!

**Wednesday, August 3:**  
2:00–5:00PM at Holly Pool  
(6651 S Krameria Way, Centennial)

For questions or more information, contact Greg Johnson [gregj@stthomasmore.org](mailto:gregj@stthomasmore.org) or 303.220.3388.

## Connect with Youth Ministry



**Website:** [stthomasmore.org/youth](http://stthomasmore.org/youth)  
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**Instagram:** @stmyouthcentennial  
**Flocknote:** [flocknote.com/stmco](http://flocknote.com/stmco)

# outside of our parish

## Third Annual Fiat Fest at Annunciation Heights

Fundraiser for the Annunciation Heights Missionaries.



**Saturday, July 30:**  
1:30–7:00PM at Annunciation Heights  
7400 State Hwy 7, Estes Park

Join us for live music, 5K adventure course, local food and drink, games and more!

Register at [annunciationheights.org/fiat-fest](http://annunciationheights.org/fiat-fest). Contact Thomas Myers at 973.647.7125 or [Thomas.Myers@annunciationheights.org](mailto:Thomas.Myers@annunciationheights.org).

## Denver Catholic Special Needs Summer Potluck

Enjoy an afternoon at the park with other families!



**Sunday, July 31:**  
4:00–6:00PM at Clement Park shelter C  
7306 W Bowles Ave, Littleton

Come meet other special needs families for food, fun and fellowship!

For questions or to RSVP, contact Kate Anderson at 720.499.7466 or email [kateanderson360@gmail.com](mailto:kateanderson360@gmail.com). Thank you!

# social



## Faith Day at the Rockies

Colorado Rockies vs Arizona Diamondbacks!



**Sunday, August 14:**  
1:10PM at Coors Field located at 2001 Blake St, Denver

Join us for a fun day of baseball! Ticket includes Rockies game plus postgame concert featuring, We The Kingdom. Tickets are \$18 per person and you can pay online by scanning the QR code.

For questions and ticket pick up, please contact Sandra Schwab at sandras@stthomasmore.org or call 303.221.9235.

## Palisade Peaches

Thank you for your support of Knights Council #10205



The Knights of Columbus are now accepting orders for delicious peaches! An 18-pound box is \$45.

To order, simply sign up using the QR code and provide your name, phone number and email and indicate how many boxes you would like in the comment section.

Pick up your peaches and pay:  
**Friday, August 19:** 12:00–7:00PM or  
**Saturday, August 20:** 8:00AM–1:00PM at the Padre loading dock in the youth parking lot.

For questions, contact Dr. Dave Randolph at 303.514.5554. or Lloyd Taylor at 630.849.7012.

## STM GIFT SHOP HAS NEW HOURS!



Come visit our gift shop for our large selection of gifts and items to enrich your spiritual life. Our new hours start on Monday, July 25.

**Monday – Tuesday: 9:30AM–4:00PM**  
**Wednesday: Closed**  
**Thursday – Friday: 9:30AM–4:00PM**  
**Saturday: 10:30am–5:30pm**  
**Sunday: 9:00am–12:30pm**

For questions, please contact Joanie at 720.618.8341 or joaniez@stthomasmore.org.

# stm is hiring

## Job Opportunities

We have employment opportunities available for the STM Catholic Preschool. Come join our team!

**Part Time:**  
STM Preschool Lead Teacher  
STM Preschool Floater

For a full description of all available positions, please visit stthomasmore.org and search under "Job Opportunities."

# a reflection on today's readings

# OUR FATHER

*Who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.*

*Thy Kingdom come.*

*Thy Will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our trespasses,*

*as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from evil.*

*Amen.*

## Grow as a Disciple

I miss my friend, Carol, a second mother to many of us navigating young adulthood in one of my adopted hometowns. Carol offered wisdom and perspective, and binders full of recipes for any occasion. So, even after moving away, I knew that I could “Dial A Cook” at a moment’s notice and Carol would drop everything and patiently dictate a recipe. Today’s Gospel fills me with gratitude for Carol, who through her love and generosity hints at God’s love and generosity toward us. Carol is with God now, so I still talk to her from time to time. Today’s Gospel reminds us that, likewise, we can bring anything to our loving God in prayer and the Father will listen and respond. We may think we can power through our days and our lives, on our own, but Jesus reminds us to persist in prayer, “And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find.”

## Go Evangelize

Remember the time before smartphones? When you needed a cup of flour or an egg, that meant knocking on a neighbor’s door. Now we most often text ahead, making the request a bit less awkward. Well, despite the proliferation of Catholic and spiritual apps, praying still requires “putting ourselves out there” before God. While God knows and sees all, it is up to us to bring our deepest needs and desires to him. Our smartphones can help us here. We can set a reminder to pray each morning and each evening. We can model our persistence in prayer to our children and others by praying with and for them, especially at times when they are struggling with something or facing a difficult choice or situation. If an earthly mother or father knows how to give good gifts to their children, after all, “how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

## Pray

Recite the Lord’s Prayer, understanding that God knows our needs and will give us each our daily bread.

– Written by *The Faithful Disciple*

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