

# Our Lady of the Woods & St. Peter Chapel



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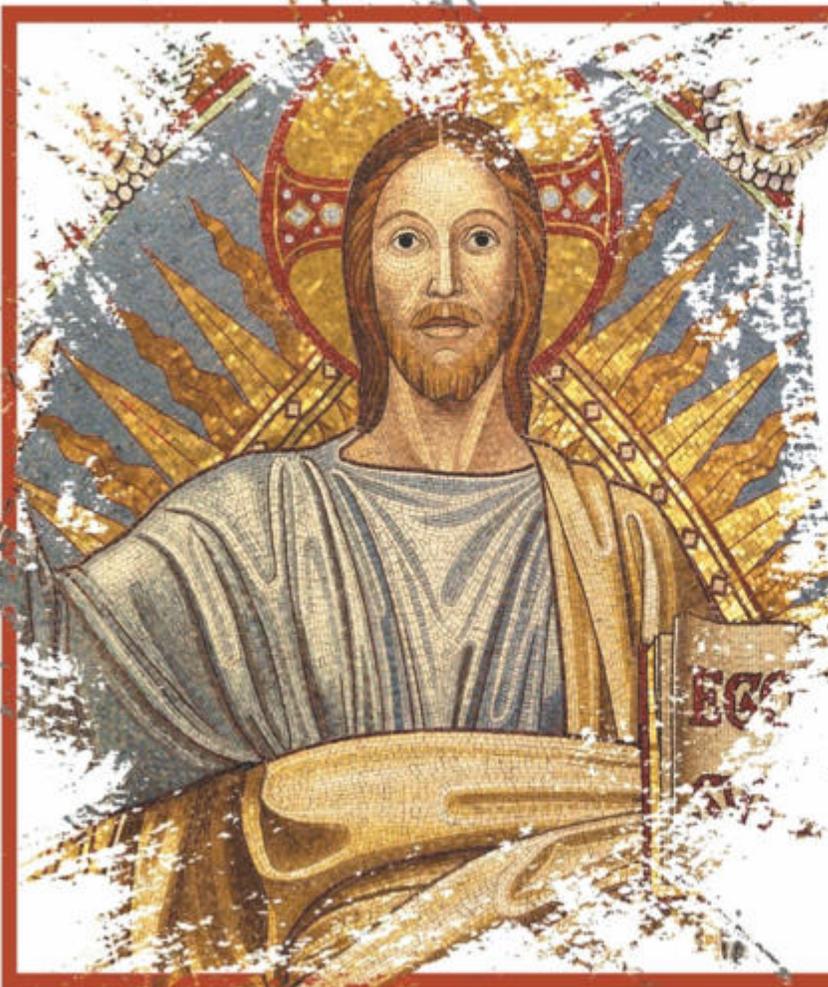
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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday:** Closed

**Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 9am-2pm

**Wednesday:** 12pm-5pm



“FOR THE BREAD OF  
GOD IS THAT WHICH  
COMES DOWN FROM  
HEAVEN AND GIVES  
LIFE TO THE WORLD.”  
- JN 6:33

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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## Sunday, August 1, 2021

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

### Monday, August 2

Office is closed.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help.....11:00am

### Tuesday, August 3

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Daily Mass-OLW.....9:00am

### Wednesday, August 4

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Daily Mass-OLW(Confession before)....6:00pm

KofC.....6:30pm

### Thursday, August 5

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Daily Mass-OLW.....9:00am

Holy Hour.....6:00pm

### Friday, August 6-Transfiguration of the Lord

Rosary for our Country.....8:00am

Daily Mass-OLW.....9:00am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &  
Divine Mercy Chaplet.....After Mass

Opening the Word.....10:00am

### Saturday, August 7

Mass-OLW (Confession before).....4:30pm

### Sunday, August 8

Mass-OLW.....9:00am

Mass-SPC (Confession after).....12:00pm

Adult Education-SPC.....After Mass

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disoriented, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### Practicing Graciousness in the Desert

Looking back over my journey of parenthood, I know there were days when I traveled the extra mile for my children. I made their toast the way they like it, let them play in the park an extra ten minutes, or let them go to the movies with their friends and I finished up the chores on my own. And then, it happened: the attitude. The request for the smallest thing from one of them is met with disdain or bewilderment.

Sometimes you can be made breathless with the ingratitude of another person who takes so much and with so little shame, only to scoff at the idea that they, too, give even the smallest amount.

But if we're being honest with ourselves, we will admit that we do the exact same thing to God. Haven't we all been the Israelites in the desert at one point or another? God has parted our Red Sea in some way. He's led us out of some great trial, given us some great blessings. But then we run into a little resistance somewhere along the way and we throw up our hands. How could you do this to us, Lord? How could you ask this of us? No, I can't go any further. No, I won't do any more.

Persisting in the blindness to the many ways God continues to protect us is nothing short of a temper tantrum. It robs our Everyday Stewardship of its graciousness, of our ability to accept with joy the trials of life because we are also constantly aware of its blessings.



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**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday, July 31**

OLW 4:30 pm: Roger Jacobs †

Req. by: Carol Jacobs

**Sunday, August 1**

OLW 9:00 am: Shane & Catherine Kenne family

Req. by: Sylvia Prather

SPC 12:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

Req. by: Fr. Marek Król

**Tuesday, August 3**

OLW 9:00 am: Marty Estrada †

Req. by: Sylvia Prather

**Wednesday, August 4**

OLW 6:00 pm: Bea Estrada †

Req. by: Sylvia Prather

**Thursday, August 5**

OLW 9:00 am: Logan Berry

Req. by: Sylvia Prather

**Friday, August 6**

OLW 9:00 am: Carlos Torres-Escalante †

Req. by: Torres Family

**Saturday, August 7**

OLW 4:30 pm: Julian Estrada †

Req. by: Sylvia Prather

**Sunday, August 8**

OLW 9:00 am: Jacob Buhrman

Req. by: Sylvia Prather

SPC 12:00 pm: For the People of the Parish

**Opening the Word**

Fridays from 10:00-11:00 am upstairs in the OLW Parish Hall following Mass

**St. Peter Adult Faith Formation**  
Sundays after Mass in the SPC Parish Hall

**DIOCESAN RESPECT LIFE MASS**

The Diocesan Respect Life Mass at Our Lady of the Woods will be held Friday, August 20th at 9:00 am. Other Respect Life Masses being held in the Diocese through the end of December 2021 can be found on the diocesan website at <https://www.dioc.org>.

**CANTORS**

We are looking for strong, clear voices to join our cantor rotation. You do not need prior experience, just a love of creating music for our Lord and you must be willing to sing solo. Please contact our music director, Linda Densmore, if you would like to give this a try. [lindadensmore@comcast.net](mailto:lindadensmore@comcast.net).

**CHOIR**

We are starting our choir. Practice is at 3:00pm on Saturdays before Mass. If you are interested in being in the Choir please come to practice on Saturdays.

**ENGAGED COUPLES WEEKEND RETREAT**

Just a friendly reminder we have an in person Catholic Engaged Encounter Retreat scheduled for August 14/15, 2021 at the Ponderosa Retreat Center. Registration form can be found at [www.coscee.org](http://www.coscee.org). We still have plenty of room for all those couples you are currently working with for Marriage Preparation.

**A FAMILY OF FAITH**

All families are welcome to join A Family of Faith this September! Our religious education program is designed to equip parents, through both active teaching and support, to instill the Catholic faith in their children aged kindergarten through 5th grade. Once a month, parents and children come to Our Lady of the Woods to learn from catechists. At home, parents cover additional material with all of their kids through regular conversation and activities. This year, the first part of our sessions, families will remain together to learn a lesson. Then children will separate to do activities that support the content and parents will remain together to learn a second lesson and participate in small group discussion.

**RETURNING GOD'S GIFTS 2021**

Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment of financial and prayerful support to the Appeal. Each and every gift is important. If you have questions, contact the office at 719-687-9345 or donate online at [telleratholic.org](http://telleratholic.org) (click "Stewardship" tab then Returning God's Gifts).

**NEWMAN CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER**

We encourage you to give to our capital campaign to build the Newman Catholic Student Center near the UCCS campus. Simply donate online at [telleratholic.org](http://telleratholic.org), under the Stewardship tab. Many thanks to your generous support!

**RICIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is formation in the Catholic faith for those who wish to become members in full communion with the Catholic Church, and are unbaptized, or baptized in another faith. This formation is also open to Catholics who are baptized but have not received Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Classes will begin this September after the Saturday evening Mass. Please contact Heather Davis ([hdavisolw@gmail.com](mailto:hdavisolw@gmail.com)) in the office to sign up for the RCIA program.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

**Life for Life**  
Auschwitz, 1941. One of the prisoners, Jan, escapes from the German concentration camp while working at a gravel pit. Thanks to the help of kind-hearted people, he finds shelter. There Jan learns tragic news about his random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death by starvation as a punishment for his escape. One among the convicts is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of one of the inmates.

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**FORMED**  
PICK OF THE WEEK

**Mary: The Mother of God**  
She was a humble girl from an ordinary Jewish family. Yet Mary said a simple "yes" and came to be exalted as the Daughter of Zion, the Mother of God, and the Queen of Heaven. Filmed on location in Turkey, Israel, and Greece with popular Catholic author and speaker Stephen Ray, this study allows us to follow the dusty paths that took Mary to the heart of the salvation story. By discovering the Mary of the Bible, you'll know and love her Son even more.

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**Financial Update-Fiscal Yr. 7/1/2021-6/30/2022**

**Offertory**

[Our Lady of the Woods](#)     [St. Peter Chape](#)

Annual Budget    \$373,000     \$44,000

Year to Date     \$ 24,449     \$ 3,568



[OLW Capital](#)

Received \$3,189

[St. Peter Hall](#)

Owed for Loan & Shrine \$119,075

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[2021 RGG Campaign](#)

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## *Communion*

The hunger for Christ in the Eucharist was sometimes even tortuous in St. Catherine. But when she received Communion, sometimes she was absorbed in God for hours or even days. Once “her confessor, who saw her so inflamed as he gave her the Blessed Sacrament, that he asked her what had happened, and she said, ‘Father, when I received from your hands the Blessed Sacrament, I lost the light of my eyes and could not see; moreover, what I saw, took hold of me so strongly that I began to consider all things, not only the riches and pleasures of the body, but also any kind of consolation or delight, even spiritual ones, as repulsive dung. For which I begged and pleaded so that those pleasures, even the spiritual ones, be taken away from me so that I could conserve the love of my God. I begged Him also that He take away from me all wishes and that He only give me His will. In effect, He did so, because He gave me as an answer, ‘Here you have it, my sweetest daughter, I give you my will’... And so it was, because as those of us that were near her saw it, from that moment on, in any circumstance, she was pleased with everything and she was never upset.” (ibid. 190)

St. Therese of Lisieux always recalled with emotion the day of her First Communion. “How sweet was Jesus’ first kiss to my soul...! It was a kiss of love. I felt loved, and I said to Him, ‘I love you and I offer myself to you forever.’ There were no questions, no battles, no sacrifices. For a long time, Jesus and poor Therese have been looking at one another and they understood each other... That day was not just a gaze, it was a fusion. They were no longer two: Therese had disappeared like a drop of water that is lost in

the middle of an ocean. Jesus only remained, He was the owner, He was the King.” (Story of a Soul)

The saints, that have understood well Who is given to us in Communion, took a great deal of care with the preparation to receive Communion, especially with a frequent sacramental Confession. We ask that Mary, the Eucharistic woman, may help us to receive this madness of love, the Eucharist, with an ever greater veneration and gratitude.

“Oh man full of avarice! What has your God left you? He left Himself, true God and true man, hidden under the whiteness of the bread. Oh fire of love! Wasn't it enough to have created us in your image and likeness, and having recreated us through the grace of the blood of your Son, without having to give us as food a whole God, divine essence? Who has obliged You to do so? Charity alone, as a madman of love such as you are.” (St. Catherine of Siena. Prayers and soliloquies, 20)



### **Our Lady of the Woods Ministries**

#### **Hospitality**

A Greeter's role during liturgy celebration is important. They are the first people parishioners encounter when attending a Liturgy celebration here at Teller County Catholic Community at any given time. Greeters' open doors, help the elderly in seating arrangements, guide parishioners during the liturgy celebration, and direct parents with young children to the appropriate areas.

Greeters serve the community and worship assembly with joy, dependability, kindness and reverence. They prepare the congregation for an uplifting participation in the sacred liturgy by welcoming them with open heart.

We are in need Hospitality Ministers, please pray fully consider joining this ministry

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