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Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 17, 2022

**I have the Lord
for my help!**

Sunday Masses:

Vigil on Saturday evening at 4:30pm

Sunday Morning :

Summer Schedule - (May 1 – Aug. 31)

8:00 and 10:00am

Winter Schedule - (Sept 1 – April 30)

8:00 and 11:00am

Weekday Masses: Monday – Friday 8:00am
(Fri. during School – 9:00am)

Baptism:

By appointment only. Please contact the parish office.

Celebration of Penance:

3:45pm – Saturday afternoon

5:30pm – after the Saturday evening Mass

8:30am – after Mass on the Thursday
before the first Friday of the month.

Marriage:

Please contact the parish office at least six months beforehand.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call the office if anyone in your family is hospitalized or in need of a priest.

Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, July 16

4:30 p.m. Ernest Certo -- Mike & Margaret Hudock

Sunday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Irene & Willie Shiock -- Mary Molinari

10:00 a.m. John P. Duminske and William J. Duminske --
Family

Monday, July 18

8:00 a.m. Al & Mary Louise Anibaldi -- Family

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 a.m. Louis & Marge Murdock --
Jean Mazzotti

Wednesday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Judy McGinnis -- Mary Jane Juliette

Thursday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Dessie & Margaret Laska -- Family

Friday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

Saturday, July 23

4:30 p.m. Rita Volpe -- Kathy & Frank Pulford

Sunday, July 24

8:00 a.m. James Stello -- Nick & Barb Gresock

10:00 a.m. Charles & Frances Hetrick --
Bonadio Family

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the
Lord
with all
your
heart



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THE
WEEK
AHEAD

Tuesday, July 19

6:00pm -- Recitation of the Rosary-
Church

6:00pm -- Adult Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 20

7:00pm -- C. D. of A. - Wienker Hall

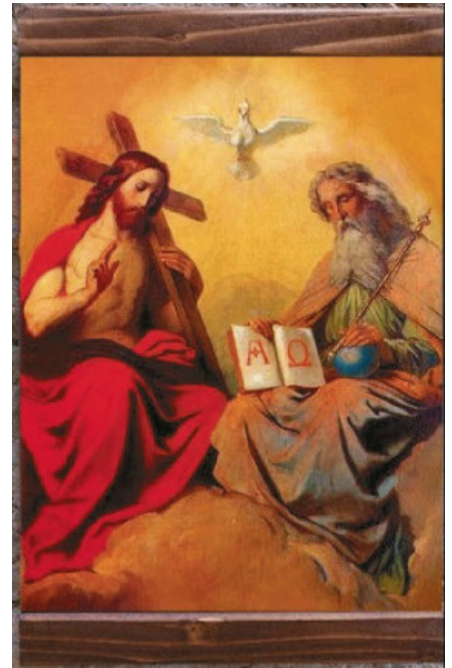
He who does justice
will live in the presence of the LORD

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Dear Parishioners,

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so, she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Many people are now familiar with the work of Andrei Rublev (c.1360 – c.1430), the great Russian icon painter, and in particular with his 'Old Testament Trinity': picturing the three angels welcomed by Abraham (Genesis 18). Christians see this scene as a prefiguring of the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. This icon is also called 'Welcome to the Stranger'. Anyone praying with this icon for any length of time will feel that the invitation is somehow mutual: the three figures are inviting you to sit at table with them; you are invited into the life of God.



In the gospel reading, Jesus is welcomed into the house of Martha and Mary. The link between the two readings is hospitality. Like the three Genesis figures, Jesus is a wanderer, a pilgrim; and he is invited into the house. (The disciples on the road to Emmaus also met him as a wanderer and invited him in. Luke 24.)

The two sisters' style of hospitality is very different: Mary just sits in his presence; Martha wants to have everything right for him. Mary gives him nothing but her attention, Martha gives him everything except her attention.

He was usually surrounded by crowds: sometimes the bustle was so great that the disciples hardly had time to eat (Mark 6:31). But now the sisters had him all to themselves and could question him and listen to him without interruptions, away from the din of controversy. It was not a moment to be missed. But Martha missed it, through her very eagerness to have everything right for him.

It is a familiar story: you hear versions of it from wives, sometimes from husbands, very often from young people, especially teenagers. There is a recognized type called 'compulsive helpers', who don't consider what you want but what they want for you. Of course, no one knows how much of this applies to Martha, but it applies to people you and I know. This type of person needs to be needed, so they hover, meddle, and control; they want others to depend on them; they are generous, but they expect a return for what they do for you; they sacrifice themselves, but you hear all about it; some of them are good at making people feel guilty, and they have a knack of making others look somewhat helpless. What they fear most of all is that they might not be needed, so any show of independence from you brings out the worst in them. Meanwhile they are peculiarly blind to their own motivation, and they feel overlooked and victimized by others. They need to be needed – but more fundamentally they need to be loved.

Still, in John 11:5 it is down in black and white that "Jesus loved Martha," and her sister Mary and brother Lazarus. This makes it clear that Jesus valued active service and not only contemplation. The story of Martha and Mary comes directly after the story of the Good Samaritan (last Sunday's gospel reading). No doubt he saw her strengths, and he knew what remedy to apply to her shortcomings.

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In the past there was an unfortunate tendency in the Church to see monastic contemplative life as a “higher” form of the Christian life. Every form of the Christian life is beset with its own problems. The ego is able to burrow in anywhere, and the contemplative ego is no better than the active, and frequently worse.

In John, chapter 11 it took a crisis to show another difference between Martha and Mary, and this time it was Martha who looked good. Their ‘high’ and ‘low’ stations were reversed. The crisis was their brother’s death. There Martha shines; she went out to meet the Lord where he was to be met, and had a profound conversation with him, while “Mary stayed sitting in her house.” You can take her ‘house’ to mean her inner self. The besetting problem with contemplatives is that they can come to love their own interiority above all else: above their neighbor, and even above the Lord. There is no hospitality there, but a terrible staleness; and this is the ego’s trademark. For you never know where hospitality will take you. “Let me tell you, that to approach the stranger / Is to invite the unexpected...” (T.S. Eliot)

God Bless!

Msgr. J. Riccardo

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of Altar Servers at weekend Masses.

I would like to invite students going into fourth grade or older, as well as adults, to consider becoming an altar server.

There would be a brief training session and then you would serve with an experienced server a few times as an additional part of your training. Call or email the office to let us know of your or your child’s interest.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mary Hoover of our parish, who died in the past week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

May her soul rest in peace.

SEWING MINISTRY

Your gift of Time and Talent

Attention all gifted sewers, crocheters, knitters, and quilters - Our Prayer Shawl and Lap Quilt Ministry is in need of ladies who knit, crochet, and/or sew simple projects.

If you are interested in offering your God-gifted talents you are welcome to join us in Walston at the Church Office on Wednesdays from 12:30 till 2:30pm. If you would prefer, you can always offer your sewing or knitting skills in the quiet of your own home.

This ministry also gratefully accepts donations of fabric, yarn, and other supplies, as well as monetary donations and your prayers. Volunteers are always needed to distribute items to area nursing homes for those in need of a little comfort.

We welcome your involvement – Please join us! Contact Michele Aikens at 814-952-0702 for further information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2022/23 Religious Education Program.

We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the rectory office, 814-938-6540, or Sue Dahrouge at 814-771-8288.

Please consider sharing your time with this very fulfilling ministry. Training is provided as necessary and support throughout the year is readily available.

Thank you!



RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us.



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2022 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer.

The dates are Sunday, July 31, at 2:00pm at St. Mary Church in Saint Marys, and Sunday, August 7th, 2:00pm at Holy Cross Church in Fairview.

To register for one of the Liturgies, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.



To add a name to the Prayer Chain, please call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464.

If you are unable to reach her you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.



For the benefit of those who may be ill or unable to return to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the last Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.



SSCD LAWN FESTIVAL

Plans are already well under way for our Annual Lawn Festival which will be held August 5, 6, & 7.

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way at the Festival, just call the office at 814-938-6540. Or simply snap the QR code with your smart phone camera to be taken to the volunteer sign-up form.



Get involved and have some fun! All help will be greatly appreciated.

SUMMER SCRIP HOURS

During the month of July, Scrip will be available in the Church Office Monday through Friday, 9am - 4pm.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.



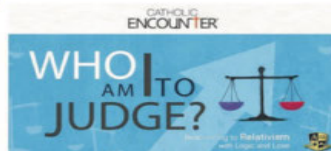
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PICK OF THE WEEK

July 17, 2022

WHO AM I TO JUDGE? WITH DR. EDWARD SRI - SESSION 1: DON'T IMPOSE YOUR MORALITY ON ME!

What is "right" and "wrong"? Is what's right for you right for me? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make up his or her own morality. That there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. So, how do we talk about right and wrong in this world? In this series, Dr. Ted Sri explores the fragility of a relativist outlook and the importance of absolute truth.



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FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Phone calls, emails, texts, and tweets can reduce our lives to a continual series of interrupted moments. Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "You are anxious about many things" robbing us of the precious time needed to BE with others. Quality time is intentional time – free from distractions.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food donation next **Sunday, July 24 - Jelly.** Thank you for your generosity!

If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please visit our food pantry on Saturdays between 10am and Noon.

If you have any questions, please contact Monika Bizousky at 814-938-0636.

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Bob Henretta, Katie Roberts, Rita Yenzi

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, July 23 -

Stacy Love and Kim Neigh

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

All items that we have in stock are being sold at a reduced price.

Stop in the back of the church and see if there is anything in the cabinet that you might be interested in. ***Not everything we have is on display, so if you don't see what you are looking for, just ask us.***

Just stop in or call the office during office hours and one of us can meet you in church to show you what is available and help you with your purchase.



2022 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!! If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.



To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

Drawing will be held on August 7, 2022 at the Festival!

2022 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets requested: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket)

(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)

DIAPER DRIVE

Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services is conducting their 27th Annual Diaper Drive during the month of July.

Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program, staffed by Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, helps expecting families with newborn infants and parents of children under 1 year of age. They are a United Way member agency that provides assistance to all faiths in the form of free diapers, infant clothing, and hygiene products. Their ability to provide these items is largely determined by donations, either material or monetary.

For the entire month of July the agency is collecting: disposable diapers (any size, any brand), gently used and new infant clothing up to size 24 months, baby shampoo, baby wash, diaper ointment, and wipes.

Donations may be dropped off in the church in the box near the front entrance. Please help to touch and nurture the new lives that God has so richly blessed us with. Monetary donations should be made payable to Catholic Charities and sealed in an envelope marked "Catholic Charities Diaper Drive" and placed in the Sunday collection.

Thank you!



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of God's creation

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY ANALYSIS
July 10, 2022
SACRIFICIAL GIVING MEANS 10%

Church Offertory

<i>Envelopes sent</i>	706
<i>Adult Envelopes Returned</i>	207
Adult	\$7,764.11
Holy Day	\$5.00
Children	\$2.00
Loose	\$458.00
Monthly	\$680.00
Total	\$8,909.11
<i>Weekly Goal</i>	\$8,000.00
Surplus (Deficit)	\$909.11
Accumulated(+/-) Goal Since 7/1/2022	\$464.36 <i>Over goal</i>

Catholic Services Appeal 2022

2022 Diocesan Assessment \$79,692.00	
Total Parish Goal \$129,692.00	
Pledged Amt:	\$92,180.00
Paid on Pledge:	\$84,240.70
Unpaid Pledges:	\$7,939.30
Unpledged Donations:	\$9,644.81
2022 CSA Collected to Date:	\$93,885.51

NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION

The second collection today is the annual National Needs Collection. This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation.

This collection is a combination of two collections: The Catholic Home Missions Appeal and The Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home.

**K OF C FOOTBALL TICKETS**

The Knights have the 2022 Football Tickets for sale!

New for this year - prizes have been increased to \$30,000 total or \$3,000 per week. The number of prizes are the same, but the amounts are higher! See any Knight for a ticket.

Cost is \$10 and are based on NFL football team scores from November 6 thru January 8.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Saturday:	St. Bridget, Religious
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2022

Sunday:	Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday:	Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

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