



## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



Parish Stewardship

Weekly collection for 07/13/25.....	\$2,817.00
Weekly collection for 07/20/25.....	\$2,572.00
Weekly budget goal.....	\$3,425.00
<b>shortage (07/13/25).....</b>	<b>-\$608.00</b>
<b>shortage (07/20/25).....</b>	<b>-\$853.00</b>
CSA 2025 Assessment Goal.....	\$30,504.00
CSA Pledges to date.....	\$30,845.00

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR JULY**  
**For Formation in Discernment**

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



Pray the Rosary everyday to obtain peace for the world. Join us at St. Joseph Church each Tuesday at 6 p.m.

**Baptismal Training Sessions 2025**

August 7th	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Church	814-787-4151
August 28th	6:30 pm	St. Mark, Emporium	814-486-0569

*In Remembrance*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Thomas V. Smith**. May God grant him eternal rest.

**A Family Perspective** Today's Gospel assures us that if we "ask," we will "receive"--perhaps not what we wanted, but what our Heavenly Father knows is best for us. The love we have for our children is but a fraction of the love God has for us. Just as our children trust us, we must trust "Our Father."

**Marriage Moment #1156**

**If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy. Pick a specific, regular time to pray for your spouse each day, such as, "Dear God, bless \_\_\_\_ today." It might be when you start the car, wash your hands, brush your teeth, etc. It doesn't take much time, just extra awareness of your beloved and entrusting him or her to God's care.**

**Church picnic--Sunday, August 10th.**

**MASS will be at 10:00 a.m.** Picnic to follow. We will eat at NOON. Food will be provided by the Church. **You are welcome to bring a non-refrigerated dessert for all to enjoy!**



Please complete and return your reservation form by August 4th. You can drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the office during the week M-Th from 9 am to 4pm.

Our **5th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on Sunday, August 17th, at Treasure Lake Silver Course in DuBois. Shotgun start @ 1:00 PM. The cost will be: \$80/person. \$65/member. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule. You can call Jude Lander at Treasure Lake @ 814-913-1480 OR Jim Allegretto @ 814-594-9708. Get a team together for a day of fun! See the flyer in the bulletin for more details.

**Lord, Teach Us to Pray**  
 (from the Gospel of Saint Luke)

*"Lord, teach us to pray as John taught his disciples"* (Lk 11: 1) is certainly a prayer of petition in and of itself to our Lord. Of course, the reference to John is referring to John the Baptist and his followers. **The Lord's Prayer** here is Luke's right to the point *version*. (Lk 11: 2-4)

**"Father, hallowed be Your Name"** is the opening of the prayer. Here, we are giving God's Name the praise and glory he deserves. We praise God because He created us and we belong to Him.

**"Your Kingdom come..."** With these words, we are starting to ask God for specific things. We might not be too familiar today with kings and queens and their territory domain. God's Territory and Domain is literally everywhere, but specifically it is Heaven and all the wonderful heavenly gifts such as love, faith, hope, peace, joy, and right living in our hearts. We were baptized into these Gifts of God's Kingdom.

**"Give us each day our daily bread..."** We all know how important it is to eat and drink daily; and we pray that every human being would have enough food. Specifically, what we are really asking God for is our spiritual food and nourishment which is His Word and Intervention by the Holy Spirit's Power. This happens when we receive Holy Communion.

**"and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us..."** Forgiveness is a grace and truly a miracle. We just always need to ask for the grace of God's Forgiveness in our own lives. Then, we need to take that forgiveness and forgive others who have wronged us. This might not happen right away, but at least pray for the grace to want to forgive others.

**"and do not subject us to the final test..."** This final petition of the Lord's Prayer is asking to be delivered from the fear of death and not to be subjected to overwhelming and crushing temptation. Remember that our Lord, Himself, suffered excruciating temptation in the Garden of Gethsemane. Then, He was given strength to walk the road to Calvary. We, too, are given amazing grace from our Lord when we call upon Him in the midst of our anxieties, challenges in life, and especially facing our last days and moments on this earth.

My friends, as we pray this prayer together at Mass, let us be mindful of all this prayer is asking of God our Father.

God Bless,  
 Father Mark

# We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, July 28, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Rose Youngmark	Parishioner	Weekday	Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34 Mt 13: 31-35 (401)
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	Tom Smith	Jim and Barb Allegretto	Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus	Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28 (402) Jn 11: 19-27 or Lk 10: 38-42 (607)
Wednesday, July 30, 2025 <b>No Mass</b>			Weekday <i>Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>	Ex 34: 29-35 Mt 13: 44-46 (403)
Thursday, July 31, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b>	George Chiodo	Family	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38 Mt 13: 47-53 (404)
Friday, August 01, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	Frank & Ann Michelini wedding anniversary	Children	Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13: 54-58 (405)
Saturday, August 02, 2025 <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	Reverend Rick Thompson	Tim & Lori Sims	Weekday <i>Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BVM</i>	Lv 25: 1, 8-17 Mt 14: 1-12 (406)
Saturday, August 02, 2025 <b>5:30 p.m. Mass</b>	Dolores Floravit	Frank & Barb Azzato	Vigil of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(see below)
Sunday, August 03, 2025 <b>9:15 a.m. Mass</b>	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Church		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Eecl 1: 2, 2: 21-23 Col 3: 1-5, 9-11 Lk 12: 13-21 (114)

## St. Joseph Church

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## The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Part One)

The following are promises that Our Lord gave to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque for all people of all times who are devoted to His Sacred Heart:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

(Part Two continues next week)

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