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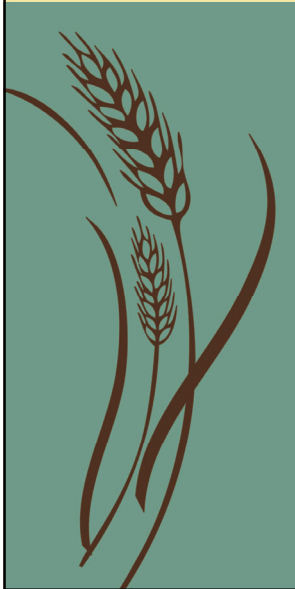


Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field."

Matthew 13:24

July 19, 2020

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Father Tom is available for Confession
by appointment.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Currently suspended.

HOSPITAL VISITS/ SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a
hospital visit or the Sacrament of Anointing
by Fr. Tom.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call the parish office to request
a meeting with Fr. Tom.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday,
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PARISH OFFICE

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sat., July 18 4:30 pm	Weekday in Ordinary Time Rudy Papa
Sun., July 19 8:30 am 10:30 am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Shirley Jackowski For the Parishioners
Mon., July 20 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Bernice Watsek
Tues., July 21 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Ray Matthews
Wed., July 22 6:30 pm	St. Mary Magdalene J. Kenneth & Nina Henkhaus
Thur., July 23 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Mary Cremeens, Darlene, Gladys & Victor Huebener
Fri., July 24 8:30 am	Weekday in Ordinary Time Marie DeClue (L)
Sat., July 25 4:30 pm	St. James Darlene Huebener
Sun., July 26 8:30 am 10:30 am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Charlotte Grzeskowiak For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Bob Schley, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Nelson Gregory, Dan McRae, Mary Overton, Don Laird, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Dianne Morin, Tim Friedel, Vi Perkhiser, Derek Trent, Jane Rood, Bev Randolph, Richard Swift, Lee Bernt, Alex Kallal, John Richter, Tim Zacha, Brenda Wieneke. **Send requests to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com**



PARISH OFFERINGS

Many thanks to all who continue to send in your parish contributions!! If you choose, you can **make donations on-line** by setting up an account at www.givecentral.org Click on 'Find Your Charity' and enter 62010. Once you are set up, you have complete control of every donation you make. You can start and stop at any time.

Rosary For Our School

Everyone is invited to participate in saying the Rosary each Friday at 8:00 am in the church before Mass begins. We are offering this Rosary for the intention of increased enrollment in our parish school. Ron Root will lead on the first Fridays, and we invite anyone who is willing to lead on any other Friday. If you are unable to attend in person, you are still invited to participate by praying the Rosary wherever you may be. Our parish school has so much to offer and we invite all of our parish families with children in grades Pre-K through 8, who are not currently attending OLQP School, to give us a call and let us tell you what a rewarding experience an education at Our Lady Queen of Peace School will give your child.



Dear Parishioners,

For the next two weeks we will have five celebrations of the sacraments of Confirmation for our 3rd, 4th, and 8th graders and for our 3rd graders their first Holy Communion. We were the first parish to have these canceled back on March 18 when the diocese suspended all public masses. I know that the students have wanted to receive the outpouring of God's grace through these sacraments, and I am so happy that the bishop has delegated the priests of the diocese to administer these sacraments. I would like to invite all of the parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Peace to pray for our students as they receive these gifts and to ask the Holy Spirit to watch over our young parishioners. I would also ask for your prayers that everything will progress in a positive way so that we will be able to open our school for the coming year and that our students will be safe in this new environment in which we find ourselves. Also, let us pray, not only for our own students, but for all students throughout our country that God will bless them with His special protection.

Father Tom

Yard Signs for OLQP School

We still have a few of the OLQP School signs left, to promote our parish school, and we invite anyone who lives on a well traveled road or street, to place one of these in your yard. These signs are in the main vestibule of the church. Thank you!!

77th Annual Novena to Our Lady of the Snows

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Tuesday, July 28—Wednesday, August 5. Mass begins at 7:30 p.m. "With Mary on Holy Pilgrimage" - Each evening of the Novena includes Mass, special music, and prayers, Scripture reflections and praying the rosary. For more information, call 618.394.6276. snows.org/novena

Alton KC Annual Golf Tournament

Rolling Hills Golf Course, Sun., Aug. 2nd, 2 person scramble. Check-in, 9:30, start at 11. Cost, \$75. Proceeds from the tournament are used to support seminarians. For information or to make a reservation for the tournament please contact Joel at 541-8317 or Mark at 660-9890.

Week 2	July 11 & 12	Total to Date
Loose	\$130.00	\$254.00
Envelopes	\$12,485.00	\$20,087.58
On Line Giving	\$1,978.00	\$4,186.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$4.00
Total	\$14,593.00	\$24,531.58
Operating Budget	\$13,713.46	\$27,426.92
ACSA Budget	\$1,700.00	\$3,400.00
Difference	(\$820.46)	(\$6,295.34)
Envelopes received: 133 of 798 Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$150.00 Other Charitable Donations: \$495.00		

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ITALY PILGRIMAGE

OLQP is still planning the fall (Sep/Oct) 2021 14 day - Italy pilgrimage/trip. We are currently building the itinerary, but here's some of the potential highlights: Rome, Assisi, Amalfi Coast/Sorrento/ Isle of Capri, Pompeii, Florence (Awesome churches, Vatican, vineyards, wineries/distilleries; cooking class, highlights of Rome, relaxation, and some of the best dining in Italy)



Estimated cost: Approximately \$4200 per person/ double occupancy - includes everything except maybe a lunch or 2.

Interested? Go to ciaoromatravel.com and register for the OLQP trip. No deposits are due until Fall of 2020. Itinerary will be in place by fall of 2020.

Have a specific place, site, or activity on your Italy bucket list (between Assisi and Naples area) - shoot Amy Frisch a message to maybe add to the itinerary. -

Contact Amy via email: amykfrisch@gmail.com or call/text 618-444-7715.

Attention Men of the Parish

All men of the parish are invited to a weekend of spiritual growth and renewal, to be held **August 6-9**, at the *Pallottine Retreat Center in Florissant, MO*. This parish based retreat offers the opportunity to renew your spirituality and prayer life, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life. Transportation to Pallottine Renewal Center is provided and the cost of the retreat is \$240. NOTE: Financial difficulties should not prevent anyone from attending the retreat. Financial assistance is available. For questions or further information, feel free to contact one of the following Co-Directors: Joe Grabowski, 618-357-0598 or Jay McCurdy, 217-827-1406. Registration forms can be found at the church entrances or in the parish office.

Catholic Charities Dinner/Dance

August 15, 2020 at Bluff City Grill. The drawing for the \$10,000.00 will take place that evening. For tickets, contact Martha Smith, 670-1023. Many, many thanks to everyone for your support. Please keep Catholic Charities in your prayers!

Parishioner Information

(New Members & Changes)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

Please check the appropriate item(s):

____ New Parishioner ____ Send Envelopes

____ New Phone—Email ____ New Baby

____ Change of Address ____ Leaving Parish

____ Wish Father to call ____ Illness in Family

A Meditation on the Gospel

The kingdom of heaven is like ... (Matt. 13:24-43)

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus confirms what we already know to be true: evil exists in the world. We see evidence of it all around us. Sometimes it even seems as if evil is winning out. Will the weeds eventually choke out the wheat and overrun the field of God's kingdom?

Jesus assures us that it will not. In the end, the angels of God will sort the good from the bad, and evil will be destroyed forever (Matthew 13:41). The fact is, by his death and resurrection, Jesus has already won the victory over evil. Someday God's kingdom will reign over all the earth.

Meanwhile, how can we hasten its coming? It's significant that after telling the first parable about the weeds and the wheat, Jesus tells two more parables about the kingdom of heaven. It's like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large bush (Matthew 13:31-32). It's like a little yeast that leavens a whole loaf of bread (13:33). These are hopeful images! God's kingdom isn't static. It begins in many small ways and then grows and grows.

You have a part to play in its growth! With every prayer, with every act of faith, with every good deed, you help to build the kingdom of heaven on earth. Making time for prayer, worshipping at Mass, helping the poor, sharing your faith, reaching out to a friend in need, speaking out in defense of life—in these ways and more, you can participate in growing God's kingdom. Yes, they can seem like small things. But so are the mustard seed and that little pinch of yeast.

So don't get discouraged by the evil you see, and don't give up hope. Believe that your small acts of faithfulness really do make a difference. And taken together with other believers, they become a mighty force in choking out the weeds of this world.

"Lord, may your kingdom come!"

*-The Word Among Us
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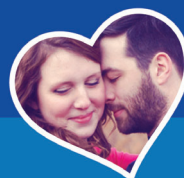
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