

THE MESSENGER

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
July 24, 2022

Serving the Catholic Parishes of
*Sacred Heart, Villa Grove, Illinois &
St. Michael's, Hume, Illinois*



The Answer to Prayer
"And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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*If you then, who are wicked,*  
*know how to give good gifts to your children,*  
*how much more will the Father in heaven*  
*give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

~Luke 1:9-10; 13~

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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Secretary: Amy Walch

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday — Friday: 8:30 am — 1:30pm  
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart  
Tuesday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at Sacred Heart: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart: 10:00 a.m.

## **CONFESSION**

Saturday at Sacred Heart: 3:15 p.m.  
Or by appointment

## **HOLY DAY MASSES**

6:30pm: Vigil Mass at St. Michael's  
8am & 6:30 pm: Holy Day Masses at Sacred Heart.



## Mass Intentions

|         |                     |                                                                                       |
|---------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 23 | 4:00 pm             | Alan Bender by Joann Schmitt                                                          |
| July 24 | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am | John Sullivan by Mark & Margaret Juscius<br>Mike Pangburn by Rich & Barb Davis        |
| July 25 | 8:00 am             | <b>NO MASS</b>                                                                        |
| July 26 | 8:00 am             | Marge Koberlein by JoAnn Morton                                                       |
| July 27 | 8:00 am             | Alan Bender by Mike & Mindy Bosch                                                     |
| July 28 | 8:00 am             | Pat & Martha Carr by Lee & Laura Diltz                                                |
| July 29 | 8:00 am             | Greg Gulick & Alphonse Hettinger by Karen Hettinger                                   |
| July 30 | 4:00 pm             | Fred Dillon by Kim Lytle                                                              |
| July 31 | 8:00 am<br>10:00 am | Mike Waller by John & Janet Carmack<br>Bill & Ursula Clavert by Jeff & Marilyn Holmes |



## Mass Intentions Requests

Submit Mass Intention requests to the Parish Office and prayer chain requests to Amy Walch: [a.walch65@gmail.com](mailto:a.walch65@gmail.com)



## Prayer Requests

We pray for: Geneva Allen, Teresa Balmer, Kay Barrett, Verna Bennett, Doris Birkner, Judy Cler, Pat Dillon, Tita Fleener, Malea Fonner, Bill Frank, Peter Frank, Kim Franzen, John Gilles, Faith Grave, Denise Griffith, Daphne Grise, Vicki Harmon, Julie Harrison, Bob Jones, Christina Kappes, Tyler King, Debbie Koberlein, Kiley Kramer, Meghan Kramer, Tony Kramer, Dorothea Lasley, Ann Maxwell, Sally McNamara, Doris Miller, Amy Mitsdarfer, Yair Flores Molina, Ezinne Theresa Ndeanaefo, Michael Ndeanaefo, Lara Nguyen, Christopher and Nicholas Nolte and their families, Robert Phillips, Rosemary Raeske, Phyllis Rund, John Rothecker, James Smith, Joseph Smith, Matt Smith, Rosemary Sprague, Mary Tipsend, Barbara Waymire, Susan Wilkey, Cathy Weatherford, and Mike Webb.

## Daily Scripture Readings

|                                                                          |                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>July 23:</b> R1: JER 7:1-11<br>Gospel: MT 13:24-30                    | <b>July 28:</b> R1: JER 18:1-6<br>Gospel: MT 13:13:47-53    |
| <b>July 24:</b> R1: GN 18:20-32<br>R2: COL 2:12-14<br>Gospel: LK 11:1-13 | <b>July 29:</b> R1: JER 26:1-9<br>Gospel: JN 11:19-27       |
| <b>July 25:</b> R1: 2COR 4:7-15<br>Gospel: MT 20:20-28                   | <b>July 30:</b> R1: JER 26:11-16, 24<br>Gospel: MT 14:1-12  |
| <b>July 26:</b> R1: JER 14:17-22<br>Gospel: MT 13:36-43                  | <b>July 31:</b> R1: ECC 1:2; 2:21-23<br>R2: COL 3:1-5, 9-11 |
| <b>July 27:</b> R1: JER 15:10, 16-21                                     | Gospel: LK 12:13-21                                         |

## St Michael's Parish Tithing Goal

The Parish Tithing amount for June collections was calculated at **\$593.00** or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$5,930.00 and a check will be sent to the diocese. Making the PCT payments for the FY '22 total **\$5,444.00**

## Ministry Schedule



*July 30th and July 31st, 2022*

**4:00 pm** LECTORS: Christine Conner  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: **EEEEEEEEEE**  
SERVERS: JoBeth Crafton

**8:00 am** LECTORS: Brian Smith  
USHERS: David Smith  
**COM** SERVERS: Timmy Keske  
GIFTS: Timmy Keske

**10:00 am** LECTORS: Cory Kappes  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:  
COLLECTION COUNTERS: Mary Burgett & Mary Hawkins  
SERVERS: Carson Kappes & Landon Kappes

*Sacred Heart:*

*Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m.*

*St. Michael's: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.*

## Weekly Collection



*Week Ending Sunday, July 17, 2022*

• **Sacred Heart Church**  
Weekly Collection: \$1218.00 **\$625.00** Loose Cash: \$46.00  
Building Fund: \$50.00  
**Mission Co-op Appeal: \$**  
PCT: **\$20.00** Maintenance: \$105.00 **\$25.00**  
Capitol Improvements: \$  
Online Giving: **\$670.00**  
**Total Deposit: \$2089.00**

• **St. Michael's Church**  
Weekly Collection: \$810.00 **\$100.00** Loose Cash: \$3.00  
Stained Glass Window: \$ **Pentecost: \$**  
Hall Rental: \$ **Mission Co-op Appeal: \$50.00**  
PCT: \$ **Other donation: \$**  
Online Giving: **\$150.00**  
**Total Deposit: \$963.00**

*All collections OTHER than the Diocesan Collections may be tithed  
Diocesan Collections will be denoted here in blue.*

## Sacred Heart Parish Tithing Goal

The Parish Tithing amount for June collections was calculated at **697.00** or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$6,970.00 and a check will be sent to the diocese. Making the PCT payments for the FY '22 total **\$12,952.00**

# Pastoral Reflections

## Scripture Reflection (17<sup>th</sup>, Sun in Ord. Year C)

Abraham still struggles to trust in the words God has spoken to him. On the other hand, God has enough confidence in Abraham to share with him the fact that he is proceeding toward Sodom and Gomorrah (18:17-19).

The reason for the journey is to confirm reports about the sinfulness of those two cities. This detail reveals God's mercy and forbearance, divine characteristics in which Abraham still struggles to place his trust.

Today's Gospel focuses on the Lord's Prayer, along with two stories intended to encourage people to persevere in their prayer and not become discouraged. Luke cannot presuppose his community knows much about prayer, for many of them are gentiles. Thus, he must keep them encouraged by providing useful instruction. Today's Gospel exemplifies that instruction. Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer is shorter than Matthew's but is probably closer to the original.

**Teach us to pray.** Jesus teaches his disciples the Lord's Prayer as a response to their request to have a specific prayer form as did the disciples of John the Baptist. Apparently, different groups had particular ways of praying, and this added to their identity. Jesus makes his prayer very short, consisting of only a few petitions: Your kingdom come; give us daily bread; forgive us our sins as

we forgive others; and do not subject us to the final test.

**Demands rather than requests.** All these petitions are found in Jewish prayers. However, in almost every case the petition is expressed in the future tense. These are things people want to take place at the end of time when the world finally comes to a conclusion. In the Lord's Prayer, however, all the petitions are expressed as imperatives (in Greek, aorist imperative). In other words, these petitions become demands on the lips of Jesus, who encourages people to be bold in prayer and not be afraid to make demands on God. Just as Jesus prayed to God, so the followers of Jesus must do. They, too, share the intimate relationship with God expressed here as Father.

**Be bold and persevering in prayer.** Luke adds two vignettes to his version of the Lord's Prayer. The first is a humorous story about a person who needs bread for guests in the middle of the night. The conclusion? If you keep banging on the door, eventually it will be answered. The teaching is to be equally persistent in your prayer. The second story makes the same emphasis. Keep knocking, and eventually the door will be opened. We can always be assured that God will give us good things when we ask. Persevering in prayer requires that a person must practice it.

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## Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus ~c. 1st century~



Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death. Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27). Martha prepares a meal for Jesus and states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner. Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly. We are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him." Lazarus was the one of whom the Jews said, "See how much he loved him." In their sight Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead. Legends has it that Lazarus supposedly left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. One such story is that despite being put into a leaking boat by the Jews at Jaffa, he, his sisters, and others landed safely in Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years. It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. A procession took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. This feast day is celebrated on July 29th.

## Coming Soon ~31 July, 2022~

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23. Psa 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13. Col 3:1-5, 9-11. Lk 12:13-21.

**About Greed.** Family quarrels, regrettably, are often about inheritance, about possessions. That should be mine, we may say. I do not have enough, we may say. Jesus tells a story about how we are stewards only, and not owners of what we use; about how possessions can possess.

- **How much is enough?**
- **What do I have that I can give away?**
- **With mercy works in mind, what will I do?**

## Saints Joachim and Anne ~c. 1st century~



**Parents of Mary,  
Grandparents of Jesus,  
Pray for all parents that they may  
provide the loving home and  
faithful teaching that you  
provided your daughter.**

**~Saints Joachim and Anne~  
Feast Day: July 26th**



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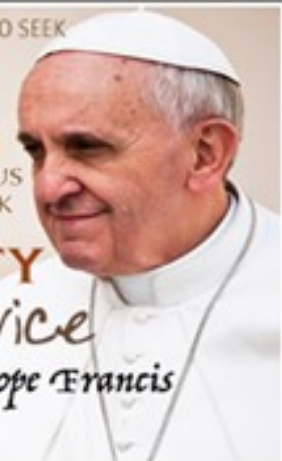
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# Announcements, Events and Activities

## July Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays:

07 01 Hayden Hosler  
 07 02 Marilyn Clodfelder  
 07 02 Julie Hooker  
 07 02 Kevin Smith  
 07 04 Jonathan Barr  
 07 09 Sharon Wilhelm  
 07 09 Julie Woller  
 07 10 Ragin Baker  
 07 11 Kay Barrett  
 07 11 Penny Cook  
 07 13 Wayne Woller  
 07 18 Robert Denbo  
 07 19 Gayla Schuett  
 07 20 Wes Woller  
 07 23 Susan Wilkey  
 07 23 Ellen Zimmerman  
 07 24 William Schweighart  
 07 24 Barbara Waymire  
 07 30 Dillon Keske

07 31 Brian Wilkey



### Anniversaries

07 08 John & Amber Schweighart  
 07 09 Will & Sara Carroll  
 07 09 Phillip & Kathleen Holthaus  
 07 11 Nick & Kay Barrett  
 07 16 Roger & Karen Schweighart  
 07 18 John & Norma Brown  
 07 18 Jerry & Amy Walch  
 07 27 Pete & Madonna Eisenmenger  
 07 28 Jeff & Marilyn Holmes



## Reminders

**\*\* This Month (July) the Altar Society prayer intention is for the poor \*\***



**SH: Finance Council : Thursday October 13, 2022 , 6:30 pm**  
**SH Pastoral Council: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 6:30 pm**  
**\*\* SH Altar Society next meeting, Wednesday Sept 7, 2022 6:30 pm \*\* (Note the early date)**  
**SM: Finance Council : Sunday July 17 , 7:00 am**  
**SM: Pastoral Council: Sunday Sept 11, 2022, 7:00 am**

*Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the church vestibule for flyers about events at local area church etc. that bulletin space limitations*

## New Website Reminder

I know most of you have visited the new parish website which is not really so new anymore but let this serve as a reminder that the website listed on the front of the bulletin [www.sacredheartstmichael.com](http://www.sacredheartstmichael.com) is the current site. If you bookmarked the old site at one point please take the time to be sure to update that bookmark. We have no way to redirect folks from the old site, so please note this information. The diocesan website also has the updated link .



## Decatur Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Mattoon is our recently formed deanery. Ladies, please come and see what we are all about. The Mattoon Deanery Council of Catholic Women is meeting Thursday, August 4 at St. Mary's of the Annunciation of the B.V.M. located at 304 S 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Shumway. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with Mass at 9:30 a.m. The meeting, lunch, and white elephant auction (wrapped gift, check or cash accepted) will conclude the day. Contact MDCCW President Jody Secondino-Crandell: (812) 208-4293 or jscrandell@yahoo.com All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## Parish (P) Community (C) Tithing (T)

As the Fiscal Year 2022 came to a close on June 30th it seemed a good time to once again address the issue of the annual PCT contributions, especially since both parishes' operational accounts took a bit of a hit this year.

Remember the **Annual Catholic Services Appeal** letter you used to get from the office of the Bishop every fall which many parishioners contributed to by sending a check directly to the diocese.?? Well that appeal no longer exists, but the diocese is still accessing each parish 10% of our monthly income (which is actually 2% less than it used to be)

So... what does that mean for you?? Good question, and for each of you that might mean something different. But **Tithing** does have plenty of basis in scripture. As you consider your contributions for the new fiscal year please take some time to consider your household tithe to the parish which will in turn tithe 10% to the diocese each month. This will continue to be noted in the bulletin right under the weekly collection amounts. Gratitude as always for your generosity and financial support of your parishes.

Amy Walch: Parish Secretary and Bookkeeper

## Project Back to School

We are in the final weeks of the annual **Project Back to School** collection. Villa Grove and Camargo area churches and businesses will collect monetary donations during the month of July to provide school supplies for the students of our community or donations can be taken directly to the Villa Grove State Bank (10 N Main St, Villa Grove IL 61956) This program ensures that all students in the district have the school supplies that they need to start the school year. Since school registration is online currently a date in August will be chosen when families can pick up school supplies before the new school year begins. Thank you for your continued support of this effort





# July, 2022



| Sunday                                                                                                                                       | Monday                           | Tuesday                                        | Wednesday                               | Thursday                                                             | Friday                                                   | Saturday                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31<br><i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Mass 8am SM<br>MI: Mike Waller<br>10 am SH MI: Bill & Ursula Calvert                            |                                  |                                                |                                         |                                                                      | 1<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Pat & Martha CarrCarr           | 2<br>Confessions SH<br>3:15pm Mass<br>4pm<br>MI: Mike Pangburn                             |
| 3<br><i>14th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i><br>Mass 8am SM<br>MI: Maureen Denbo<br>10 am SH MI: Ruth Schweighart                                | 4<br><i>Independence Day</i><br> | 5<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Rev Paul Skelton      | 6<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Mike Pangburn  | 7<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Ken Kocher<br>SH Finance Council<br>6:30 pm | 8<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Erik & Missy Kramer             | 9<br>Confessions<br>SH 3:15 pm<br>Mass 4pm<br>MI: Marge Koberlein<br><i>Mission Appeal</i> |
| 10<br><i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Mass 8am SM<br>MI: Frank Barrett<br>10am SH MI: Mary Margaret Rund<br><i>Mission Appeal</i>     | 11                               | Priest Retreat No Masses<br>Communion Services |                                         | 14                                                                   | 15<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Marge Koberlein                | 16<br>Confessions SH<br>3:15 pm Mass<br>4pm<br>MI: Bill Saucier                            |
| 17<br><i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br>Mass<br>SM 8 : am MI: Rita Butcher<br>SH 10am MI: Brown Family<br>SM Finance Council<br>7:30 AM | 18<br>                           | 19<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Ruth Schweighart     | 20<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Mike Pangburn | 21<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Mr & Mrs L Campbell                        | 22<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Bradley Fleener                | 23<br>Confessions SH<br>3:15 pm Mass 4 pm<br>MI : Alan Bender                              |
| 24<br><i>17th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i><br>Mass<br>SM 8am MI: John Sullivan<br>SH 10 am MI: Mike Pangburn                                  | 25<br>                           | 26<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Marge Koberlein      | 27<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Alan Bender   | 28<br>SH - Mass 8a<br>MI: Pat & Martha Carr                          | 29<br>SH Mass 8a<br>MI: Greg Gulick & Alphonse Hettinger | 30<br>Confessions<br>SH 3:15 pm<br>Mass 4 pm<br>MI : Fred Dillon                           |

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