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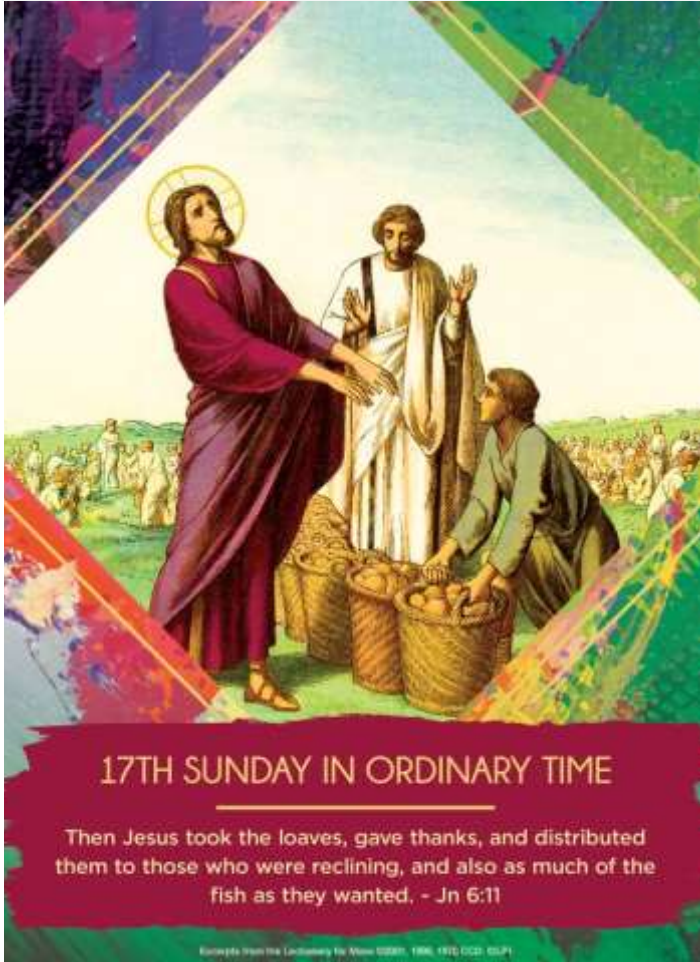


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July 28, 2024—Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:11

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Organist/pianist needed by November 30 —For weekend liturgies, holy days, funerals. For more information, call 724-479-3881.

Love Basket Summer Food Drive This Weekend

The Love Basket is coordinating a mid-year food collection to restock their shelves. This weekend, July 27-28, there will be boxes in the Church Narthex for anyone who chooses to bring non-perishable food items.

If you missed the collection this weekend, please feel free to drop off items in the Church Narthex throughout the week. If you would prefer to participate by donating a monetary gift, please place it in the collection in an envelope marked "Love Basket" or write "Love Basket" in the memo field of your check.



Thank you in advance —many throughout our county are grateful for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus Annual Seminarian Collection is being conducted in the month of August. All donations go to the Bishop's project for seminarian support. Please return the envelopes inserted in bulletin by placing them in the collection basket. Help us help the seminarians of our diocese. Council 10960 will again sponsor seminarian Kevin Richardson for 2025.

Thank you and God bless.

Norb Rayko, Grand Knight Council 10960

This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

This Sunday:

Pray the Rosary, 10:30am, Church Priest Celebration, Cherry Runn Lodge, Homer City, 2PM

Interim Mass Schedule:

Good Shepherd, Kent:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday
(unless otherwise noted)

Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

Office Hours:

Mon—Thu: 10 AM—4 PM

Friday: 10 AM—12:30 PM

Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or Weddings, please contact the Parish Office.

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Masses and Candles — Week of 07/28/2024

<u>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <i>2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15</i>	
Saturday, July 27 6:00 PM All the People of Good Shepherd Parish	
Sunday, July 28 11:00 AM Dolores Morgan by Dorothy Bryja	
Monday, July 29, SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus <i>Jer 13:1-11; Ps 32; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42</i> 5:00 PM Holy Hour (Adoration), Reconciliation 6:00 PM Lillian Somonick by Son, John	
Tuesday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church <i>Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43</i> 8:30 AM Barry Taylor by Frank & Beverly Caratelli and Family	
Wednesday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest <i>Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46</i> NO MASS	
Thursday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church <i>Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53</i> 8:30 AM Anna Batistig by Children & Grandchildren	
Friday, August 2, St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest <i>Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58</i> NO MASS	
Saturday, August 3, Weekday <i>Jer 26: 11-16, 24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12</i>	
<u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> <i>Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35</i>	
6:00 PM Michael & Anna Romanchick by Son, Paul	
Sunday, August 4 11:00 AM All the People of Good Shepherd Parish	

 **The Sanctuary Candle** is lit in memory of **Sam & Louise Marra** by Cathy & Nick Bonarrigo.
The Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of **Louise Marra & Jean Bonarrigo** by Cathy & Nick Bonarrigo

CRS Spotlight: In Ethiopia, where 3.9 million people in Tigray do not have enough to eat, CRS is implementing the Joint Emergency Operation (JEOP), funded by the U.S. government's USAID program. The goal of JEOP is to provide food, cash and nutrition assistance to food-insecure households. In the last 6 months, over 1.7 million men and women have been supported with 178,000 metric tons of wheat, pulse and vegetable oil. Please visit www.crs.org for more information!

From Fr. Dino's Desk

Seventeen Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

July 28. Texts: 2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm:: 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-15.

“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” People of this country enter supermarkets and are faced with a superabundance of food that oftentimes they take for granted. This gospel reminds us that it is not *quantity* that satisfies but *who* gives us the food.

Elisha, in the first reading, begins with more barley loaves (twenty) and satisfies the hunger of a smaller crowd (one hundred people) with “some left over.” Jesus, in the gospel, begins with only a few barley loaves (five) and satisfies the hunger of a much larger crowd (five thousand) with “twelve wicker baskets left over.”

What answer did Philip need to give Jesus to pass the test? When Jesus asks about where to buy food to satisfy the hunger of the large crowd, he is not thinking about a store and purchases. He is really asking a question about *who* he is. Jesus knows full well that the “where” of the food will be himself. The superabundance of food Jesus provides from so little is a sign of the fullness of Life - his very self - Jesus gives. So, Philip’s answer? “Give them yourself”.

**Register now!
Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine Sept. 21**

Registration is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Parish groups and individual parishioners are encouraged to participate in what promises to be a very special experience. For information or to register, visit www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org and click on the Events tab.

End of Summer Bash

Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines Site, Homer City — August 18, Noon to 5PM. Spaghetti Dinner from 12 Noon until 3PM (in church basement). Great Food: Hot Sausage Sandwiches, Kielbasa Sandwiches, Bake Sale. Basket Raffle, 50/50 and More! Free children’s activities and Music by “Party Time”!

Mass on the Grass / Parish Picnic
August 17 — Picnic @ Noon — Mass at 6PM

Bring a Side Dish & Chair for Mass on the Grass!
Set-Up/Cleaning Dates!
Thursday, August 15 — 3pm to ? **INSIDE HALL.**
Friday, August 16 — 4PM to ? **OUTSIDE AREA.**
 Come and go anytime after start time. All tents will be setup outside).
Raffle Baskets: Create a basket of your choice or donate items to be used for making a theme basket. Place items in the “Picnic Tub” in the Narthex. Bring your finished basket or donations anytime. Baskets will be Ruffled off during the Sundae Bar (5:00pm) on Picnic Day. You can purchase tickets the day of the picnic day and place in bag as your choice. Any questions see Theresa & Emily Bachy..
12 Noon - Picnic begins; Prayer by Fr. Dino
1-3PM - Corn Hole Tournament
 Children's Games — outside Stations area
2 PM - Bingo (Parish Hall)
3 PM - Aultman Fire Hall Demonstration
5 PM - Sundae Bar
5:15 PM - Basket Raffle/Preparation
 Set-up for Mass (See Ella Zagurskie)
6:00 PM - Mass on the Grass
 List of donation items needed are on back of prayer chain insert in this weekend’s bulletin.

Parish Stewardship—Weekend of 07/21/2024

Weekly:	\$ 2,615.00
Monthly:	\$ 40.00
Loose:	\$ 96.00
Children:	\$ 2.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 74.00
For Improvements to Parish:	\$.00
Online Giving:	\$ 176.00
Total Income:	\$ 3,003.00
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 1,239..83)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:	
Collected:	\$ 8,292.00
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 12,728.49
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 4,490.49)

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”
August 10, 2024
Day of Recollection
at Christ Our Shepherd Center,
Greensburg

Join Carmelite friar Brother John-Mary Winter, OCD, for a Day of Recollection titled “Lord, Teach Us to Pray”, Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 AM -3 PM at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Learn more about the Divine Love Story that God has called us to, and deepen your prayer life. Brother John-Mary will help you along the path of reflective meditation and show you how to overcome obstacles and distractions in prayer. Saturday daily Mass will be offered, and lunch will be provided. Cost is \$25. For information or to register, visit www.DiocesefofGreensburg.org/carmelite-events.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4th St., Indiana

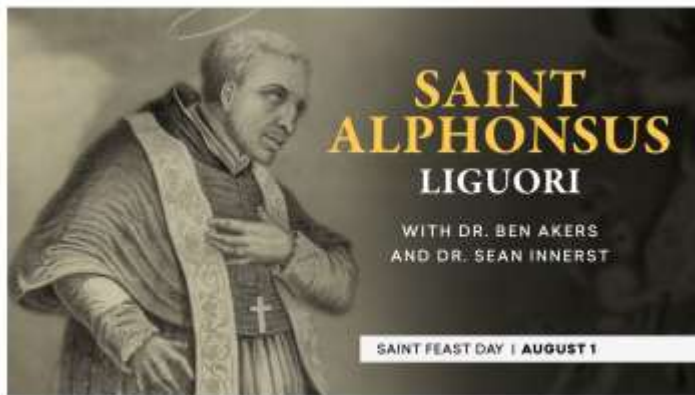


BOGO this week on men’s and women’s tops (white tags excluded) at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street in Indiana. Store hours are Monday thru Saturday

10am-2pm with donations accepted 10am-1pm at the back door (space permitting).

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa).

To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the “Prince of Moral Theologians”, St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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Pope: The elderly are the ‘firm foundation of the future (By Sr. Francine-Marie Cooper, ISSM)
– Vatican News

In his Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on 28 July 2024, Pope Francis recognizes the situation of many elderly people today, and assures them: “God never abandons His children, never.”

“Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71:9): This sincere plea, taken from Psalm 71, is the theme of the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place on 28 July 2024.

Pope Francis chose the Theme for the Day, which is organized by the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

In his Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis reassured the addressees that “God never abandons His children, never.”

He referred to the elderly as “the firm foundation” on which “new” stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5).”

Fear of loneliness

Both the “certainty of God’s closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain,” can be found in the Bible, Pope Francis writes. And these words “reflect an utterly evident reality.”

“All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents,” Pope Francis acknowledges.

“There are many reasons for this loneliness,” the Pope continues, “in many places, above all in the poorer countries, the elderly find themselves alone because their children are forced to emigrate.”

He describes the situation of the elderly left in their war-torn countries as “the only signs of life in areas where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme.”

The Pope also decries the beliefs of some local cultures where the elderly “are suspected of using witchcraft to sap the vital energies of the young” and thus are blamed for blows of fate affecting the young.

He goes on to say that “this accusation that the elderly ‘rob the young of their future’ is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies.”

A conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly

“The Psalm cited above,” the Pope writes, “speaks to a conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly.”

And he explains, that the “abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the infinite dignity of each person, ‘beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter’.”

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The Holy Father laments that “nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people.” “The passage from ‘us’ to ‘me’ is one of the most evident signs of our times,” he writes.

“Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today’s social landscape,” the Pope admits.

Following in Ruth’s footsteps

The Holy Father cites the story of Naomi from the Book of Ruth.

Naomi, who had grown old, urged her two daughters to leave her and return to their native towns and their homes. Naomi sees herself as a burden and considers it better to step aside.

One of her daughters does as the mother suggests. The other, Ruth, “does not leave Naomi’s side and, to her surprise, tells her: ‘Do not press me to leave you’ (Ruth 1:16),” the Holy Father writes. “Ruth is not afraid to challenge customs and inbred patterns of thought.”

The Holy Father’s Message concludes with an appeal: “In place of the self-centered attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say ‘I will not abandon you’, and to set out on a different path.”

And he conveys his blessing and prayers, “to all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you.”

Church of the Good Shepherd — Prayer Chain — August 2024

To have anyone added/removed from the prayer chain, please call our Parish Office (724.479.3881). We depend on you to keep our Prayer Chain list up to date and to ensure that we pray in thanksgiving for those healed, and for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

In Critical Need:

Nick Bobbinets; Terry Campbell; Robert Canzano; Jen Cochran; Jean Cowan; Larry Demetro; Roger Ditmore; Jeff Doyle; Rhonda Earhart; Kaitlyn Fello; Ruthie Henigin; Gloria Gates; Julio Godinez-Mendoza; Greg Gordish; Ted Gordish; Jean Grossman; Greyson Kellar; Karen Krejocic; Diane Kuehn; Mason Morris; James Midock; David Obley, MD; Jeannie Rook; Roy Rosenberry; John Sarver; Kathy Schutman; Richard Sinclair; Vince Staff; Jody Pollack-Strickland; Barb Staff; John Silvis; Janeen Tackage; Amy Thomas; Wilma Thomas; Jen Van Hannak; Zavier Weaver; Wendy Wisneski; Audrey Young;

Ongoing Prayer:

Pete Adkins; Julie Anderson; Karen A.; Patricia Bash; Michael & Maggie Bertolino; Barb Black; Len Black; Deacon Steve Black; Esther Bonnoni; Louis Bonnoni; Marianne Bonnoni; Brayden Bookner; Louann Boozer; Walt Bryja; Julia Buggey; Jessica Caratelli; Rick Chabot; Rob Chabot; Jane Chronowski; Will Clabaugh; Deacon Harry Clyde; Marty Coolican; Jean Cowan; Andrew Cribbs; Donna Cupp; Daniel Davis; Ruth Dillon; Ray & Janet Dobrosky; Peggy Domenick; Kim Donahue; Michelle Donahue; J. L. Doyle; Fr. Mark Dunmire; Christine Earhart; Annette Fancella; Carol Ferrence; Becky Forrester; Sandy Frederick; Judy Gaborko; Patty Gallo-Jack; Marlene Galore; Kathleen Globun; Joyce Gragan; Larry Gregg; Scott Gross; Haylee; Thelma Hazenstab; Mary Hill; Linda Hlebak; Sandra Hollabaugh; John Hornick; Terry Jobe; Janet Johns; Minnie Jose; Jessica Kantz; Michele Kantz; Erlene Kardos; Tom Keeler; Crystal Kellar; Kelly Kok; Tammy Kolesar; Karen Krejocic; **Marvin Kuhns**; Rita Lieb; Shirley Lassick; Fr. Willie Lechnar; Pamela Letera; Ron Lorelli; Patricia Lowman; Mark Lukcik; Carson Mack; Anita Marker; Beth Marshall; Edna Martinelli; Michael Matty; Angie Maudie; Audrey Maudie; Jason Maudie; Josephine Maudie; Maryanne McConnell; Norma McIntire; Frank Meehan; Donna Merlo; Brian Moore; Bonnie Mottern; Fr. John Moineau; Brian Moore; Kathy Montrose; Eric Morgan; Gary Morgan; Leigha Morgan; Dave Morris; Daniel Mouser; Jenn Myers; Laurie Nixon; Bill Oxenreiter; Denise Parrato; Flora Pezzi; Ethan Piper; Steve Prebish; Bernie Rairie; Mary Ellen Rairie; Scott Rankin; Barb Rayko; Maggie Reeger; Kim Remick; Rising Family; Mike Roscoe; Robert Romance; Ed Rowley; Dan Ryan; Lois Saletrik; Roni Salsa; Wayne Salter; Gabe Savage; Mark Savage; Susan Seibel; Karen Shaffer; Frank Shrokman; Judy Shrokman; Fr. Michael Sikon; Rita Sklar; Anita Smith; Robert Spence; Joe Staff; Alex Toldi; **Ron Toldi**; Mary Tressler; Marty Tressler; Robert Tressler; Dr. Roberto Turnbull; Barry Turk; Emily W.; Pam Wagner; Rick Walker; Carter Wentz; Ashley Weston; Wanda Weston; Kathy White; Locklan Whited; Jim Zagurskie; Janet Zayac; Garnet Zuchelli; Katrina Zuchelli; Renee Zuchelli; Zachary Zuchelli.



Special Intentions:

For grandparents and the elderly; Persecuted Christians in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, North Korea and Somalia, Afghanistan, Iran and Libya; For increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life; For the Sanctification of priests, unity in the Church, and increased love within families.

Pope's July Intention:

For political leaders. We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Food & Drinks

Bottled water cases
All kinds of pop (cans or bottles)
Chips (individual serving bags)
Doritos (individual serving bags)
Candy any kind M&M's (individually wrapped candy, etc.)
Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, relish)
Sour cream
Shredded cheese
Onions
Tomatoes
Taco sauce
Paper plates
Napkins
Plastic silverware (knives, forks, spoons)
10# hamburger
20# chip ham
Hot dogs
Tablecloths (Throw Away type - all colors yellow, green, blue, red)

For the Sundae Bar items

Tubs of ice cream
Sherbet
Cookies
Whip cream
Sprinkles
Nuts
Chocolate chip, candy bars
Carmel, chocolate, strawberry sauces,
Cherries
Gumballs
Marshmallows
Fruits blueberries, strawberries, etc.

Any kind of donation of Beer for the Adult beer tasting

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