




Recognizable Offering..... \$5,033.00
Loose Cash \$651.46
Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,684.46
Mass Attendance July 16/17 343



July 25 - July 31
MondayChristopher Hinton(+)
TuesdayJean & Gary Jordan(IIV)
ThursdayChristopher Hinton(+)
FridayJean & Gary Jordan(IIV)
SaturdayRita Branch(+)
SundayRichard Gonyeau(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

 **In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Donna Bolbes**, mother of Melody Grogan. Pray for the consolation of their families as they mourn the loss of their loved one.


 **Got Faith? Willing to share it?**
Catechists/Helpers Meet & Greet -Sunday, August 7th, 2016
Please join Susie from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. in classroom 3 of the Pastoral Life Center for an **“Official Welcome,” quick breakfast and information.** Please register using the Catechist Intent form at the Hospitality Cart. Thanks, in advance, for helping on this important mission!

Young Adults  **073016**
The Diocesan Young Adult World Youth Day Celebration is Saturday, July 30th, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Niceville. We will gather to watch a video from Bishop Parkes, have Praise and Worship, talks, small groups, Holy Hour, Mass, and connect with World Youth Day in Poland. Cost is only \$15 per person and includes lunch and dinner. Child Care available.
Register on-line at www.ptdiocese.com/WYD2016.

Weekly Calendar of Events

7/25 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
7/26 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
7/27 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
7/30-31 Beginning of Faith Formation Registration

Religious Education Registration begins July 30th -31st, 2016

 Faith Formation will be held on Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and begins September 11, 2016. We offer classes for K-5, Middle School, High School, and Confirmation. We look forward to seeing you!

PRO-LIFE

Sidewalk Advocates for Life training will be Saturday, July 30, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the Martha and Mary House at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 406 Adams Drive, Crestview. Lunch and workbook provided; donations appreciated. RSVP to ernie@eccfl.org or call 850-889-1035 so they can get a count for food and workbooks.



Community Service
Heartfelt thanks to those who were able to share their life giving blood this past weekend: Jennifer Bolt, Chris Casselberry, Matt Ciccarello, Joe Davison, Donald Dineen, John Ehlers,

John Fails, Jean Jordan, Michael Klug, Lisa Manion, Alex Marien, Teresa McClure, Jean Schlitt and Corey Wolf.
Once again, the Knights of Columbus graciously offered a delicious breakfast to accompany the blood drive. Our parish is grateful for their faithful support. Congratulations to Tammy Rockne who won the Vocations 50/50.

Living God's Word

Pray Luke's version of the Our Father, then pray Matthew's version (Matthew 6:9-13). Linger over each phrase as you say them. Take one of these phrases with you throughout the day and repeat it when you have a chance, like a mantra. Let it dwell in your heart.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of July 30/31
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Alice Thompson, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Eric Van Dorn
Ushers: Dan Brenton, Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang
Greeter: Lynn Brenton
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan
8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Audrey Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie, Jean Jordan, Shelia Casselberry
Lectors: Deidre Henderson, Susi Evers
Ushers: Cathy McKnight, Gary Jordan, Eden Carter
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Maria Bridges
Elijah Cup: Jean and Gary Jordan
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette
10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Devony Ross, _____, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Penny Sweeney, Kathleen Garcia, Melody Grogan, Therese Sweeney
Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Mike Sweeney
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Kathleen Garcia
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Karen Clayton

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

- Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike Kutcher
- Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler
- Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*
- Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden
- Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*, Ann Crouch*
- Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*
- Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga*, Bonita Long
*Indicates our parishioners.

St. Paul advised us to pray constantly. In today's Gospel, Jesus in effect tells us the same thing. It is difficult for us to underestimate the power of prayer. An active and consistent prayer life is a key factor in being a good steward.
St. Teresa of Avila had this to say about prayer: "The most potent and acceptable prayer is the prayer that leaves the best effects. I do not mean it must immediately fill the soul with desire... The best effects are those which are followed by actions... when the soul not only desires the honor of God, but really strives for it."
Her point is that prayer requires action. That is the same conclusion we might draw about stewardship as a way of life. Adding the phrase "as a way of life" implies that it is more than an attitude. It is something that should fill every moment of every day for us.
That is what Jesus is trying to communicate to us — that we must be consistent and persevere in prayer. Our lives should reflect our ongoing prayer. You might say how we live our lives is a living prayer. That is what the Lord wants from us. As the Lord advises us, **"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."**



Ordinary Time

July 24, 2016 ♦ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Gn 18:20-32 ♦ Col 2:12-14 ♦ Lk 11:1-13

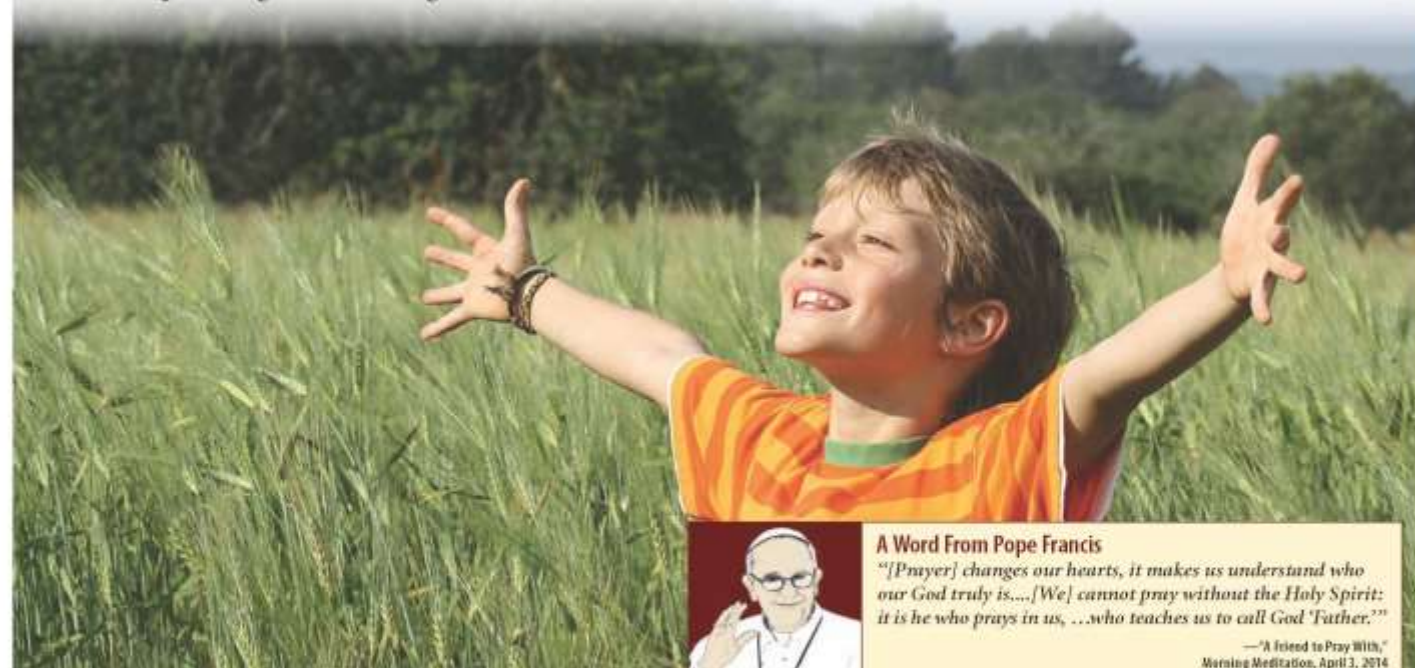
I tell my students there are five prayers: please; thank you; I'm sorry; wow; and yes, I will. The words change but, in essence, every prayer implies one or more of these attitudes: petition, thanksgiving, contrition, praise, and obedience. In his book *Man's Quest for God*, Abraham Joshua Heschel says prayer is "the invitation to God to intervene in our lives." God does—sometimes to our surprise, sometimes in ways we can't imagine, but always in a way that changes us.

Jesus knew this when he taught his disciples the Our Father. In it, we hear words of praise and petition. We hear contrition: "Forgive us...as we forgive..." (11:4). We hear obedience: "thy kingdom come..." and "thy will be done..." (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:10). Jesus goes on to say that when we pray, God will send his Spirit to guide us and give us what we need:

"our daily bread..." (11:3). No wonder the Lord's Prayer is a model prayer for everyone.

In our prayer, we have to remember that there is often a difference between what we need and what we desire. In the movie *Shadowlands*, C.S. Lewis is depicted reflecting on the nature of prayer as his wife is dying. Asked why he prayed, he responds, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me." That's the power of the Spirit—to change our hearts until all our prayers become wow (praise) and yes (obedience).

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A Word From Pope Francis
"[Prayer] changes our hearts, it makes us understand who our God truly is....[We] cannot pray without the Holy Spirit: it is he who prays in us, ...who teaches us to call God 'Father.'"
—"A Friend to Pray With,"
Morning Meditation, April 3, 2014

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dear Padre



July 24, 2016

What to do when distractions interrupt your prayers

Q For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. When **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. **Saint Teresa of Ávila** wrote in *The Interior Castle*,

"We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....[Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let them disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying.

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Summer heat waves make life uncomfortable. They drain your energy and empty out your reserve supply of motivation. But that heat serves a purpose. Discomfort has a similar purpose in our own spiritual expansion. Working through difficulties and challenges with determination can lead to spiritual growth.

— From *Summer Meditations*
by John Bartunek, LC, SThD (825620)

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- Monday**
JULY 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28
- Tuesday**
JULY 26
Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday**
JULY 27
Weekday
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Mt 13:44-46
- Thursday**
JULY 28
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53
- Friday**
JULY 29
St. Martha
Jer 26:1-9
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42
- Saturday**
JULY 30
Weekday
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday**
JULY 31
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21

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