




Recognizable Offering.....\$8,078.50
Loose Cash \$562.82
Total Weekly Offering \$8,641.32
Disaster Relief 2nd Collection \$2,782.00
Mass Attendance Sept 30/Oct 1 352



Oct 9 - 15
MondaySpecial Intention
Wednesday.....Teresa Quiñones DeBrasi(+)
ThursdaySusan Erwin(+)
FridayMike Kutcher(liv)
SaturdayRafael Quiñones(+)
SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
.....Mike Kutcher(liv)(10:30 a.m.)

 **Blood Drive!** Pancake Breakfast Sunday, October 15
The **Big Red Bus** will be here next Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to give the gift of life to those in need. Afterwards gather up your strength with a hearty pancake breakfast cooked by the Knights of Columbus and served in our Parish Center for all to enjoy!

Fall Get Together
sponsored by
The West Central Deanery Council of Catholic Women
Wednesday, October 18, at 9:00 a.m.
St. Margaret Parish Hall, DeFuniak Springs
All 'Women in the Pews' are invited to join them and become more familiar with the Council of Catholic Women.
Receive a special rosary and pray the Rosary for Life together.
Hear from the women who attended the Orlando Diocese Leadership Symposium at Lake Yale.
Celebrate Mass with Fr. Bob Johnson and Fr. Rick Dawson.
See old friends and make new ones.
And of course, enjoy a delicious lunch!
Contact Donna Woolley (850)951-0999 for more information.
Kindly RSVP to her no later than Oct.13.

Weekly Calendar of Events

10/8 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
10/9 Rosary after morning Mass
10/11 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
Adult Faith Potluck - 6:00 p.m.
10/12 Rosary after morning Mass
10/15 Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
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Sunday Adult Faith Formation

Meet with other parishioners in Classroom 1 of the Pastoral Life Center to learn and grow in **your faith. This semester's course is titled "The Wild Goose - Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit".**



The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death.
Come learn about the power of the Wild Goose.

Evening Adult Faith Potluck

On Wednesday, October 11, **we'll have our monthly potluck** dinner and discussion session moderated by Fr. Paul in the parish center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will provide the main dish and you can bring a side dish or dessert to share as you grow in the knowledge of your faith with fellow parishioners. Sign up at the Hospitality cart or call the office no later than Monday so we can prepare accordingly.

FALL OUTDOOR POTLUCK

Sunday, October 29th 4 – 7 p.m.
Seasonal games for the whole family
Chili Competition/Dessert Competition
Hayride and marshmallows by the fire
Please sign-up at the Hospitality cart or contact the office so we know how many are coming. The parish will provide the paper goods, drinks, hot dogs and marshmallows. You can bring chili or a dessert for the contests or a side dish for the cookout. Chili and desserts should be brought in by 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m.



Weekend of Oct 14/15

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Louise Perreault, Shareen Ketchem, Alice Thompson, James Johansen
Lectors: Dan Brenton, Jan Comstock
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, _____
Greeter: Lynn Brenton
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Alice Thompson

8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Jack Risher, Savannah Risher
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Jean Jordan, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Paul Landry
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Gary Jordan, Eden Carter
Greeter: _____
Sacristan: Maria Bridges
Elijah Cup: Eden Carter
K of C Pancake Breakfast

10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Austin Wise
Extraordinary Ministers: Stacy Fralic, Susie Rushlau, Barbara Russo, Jean Schlitt, Penny Sweeney
Lectors: Lisa Manion, Carolyn Alaniz
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Ray Schlitt, Donna Fetter
Greeter: Judy Holzschuh
Sacristan: Petey Brennan
Elijah Cup: Stacy Fralic
K of C Pancake Breakfast

One of St. Paul's favorite topics was prayer, and today's reading from his letter to the Philippians is no exception to that. He says, "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." For Paul all topics are appropriate for prayer because we need to share and consult with the Lord about everything.
God knows what is on our minds already, of course, but He also desires that we make a conscious effort to communicate with Him on these subjects. In addition, Paul points out that our prayers need to be infused with thanksgiving. We should not just petition the Lord and make requests. It is equally important that we think about, identify, and acknowledge our blessings.
We have often pointed out that stewardship is a life of gratitude, a way of living which encourages us to focus on gifts, not on problems and challenges all the time. If we strive to have grateful hearts, our prayers come much more easily, and we tend to be much happier and more upbeat in our lives.
The noted author, philosopher, journalist, and theologian G. K. Chesterton is well known in Catholic circles because he converted to Catholicism during his life, and was an excellent conveyor of the faith. In terms of living grateful lives he said, **"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought; and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." That includes thanks to God.**

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*, Steve Lange, Clare Van Zelfden, Carlos López, Brian Williams

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*, Aurora Beard

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Ann Crouch*, Robert Welniak

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Bob Seitz*

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.



October 8, 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 5:1-7

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

The Fruit God Expects

The Chosen People were often compared to a garden or vineyard that God had planted and cared for. First, he placed them in the Garden of Eden. Then he led them to flourish in Egypt before accommodating them in the Promised Land. After all his care and cultivation he expected to find a fruitful return. In the Song of Songs and then with Jesus himself, not only are the people of God compared to a vineyard, but each of our souls is compared to a vineyard where God plants seeds, waters, and expects to find new growth by thirty-, sixty-, or one hundredfold.

In the image of the Chosen People, the Church, or our souls, one thing is constant: God expects a return on his love. Not because he is selfish and in need of our response but because he knows our happiness depends on receiving and showing him that love.

Jesus says the vineyard will be taken away from those who don't care for it and given to those who will produce its fruit. In the same way, grace will be directed away from some and toward those who accept it and produce faith and love.

This is not a threat or "Catholic guilt." This is a true Father letting his children know he loves them too much to not take them seriously. He gives and gives for our growth and maturing, but if that generosity isn't sincerely embraced and appreciated, he will eventually listen to us and move on. Now is the time to accept his love and enjoy the fruits.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How does our Lord want to see fruit and growth in your life? Have I squandered God's harvest in my life?



Piece: Landscape from the late 1500s
Artist: Mattheus Brill
Location: Torre dei Venti, Mezzanine, Vatican Museums

"I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit" (Matthew 21:43).

Calendar

Monday

October 9

Weekday

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

October 10

Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

October 11

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

October 12

Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

Friday

October 13

Weekday

Jl 1:15-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

October 14

Weekday

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

October 15

Twenty-Eighth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-14

Dear Padre,

I know we're all supposed to use our gifts to glorify God, but what is liturgical dance? Is it acceptable as part of Mass? Are there rules surrounding it?

Liturgical dance is dance movement forming a part of official worship. Through it, people in a community express their joy at God's blessings, foreshadowing the joy of heaven.

Dance, in many cultures, is a sign of joy. We dance at weddings, birthday celebrations, and anniversaries. People from both Eastern and Western traditions use dance as a form of expression, and some incorporate it into their religious rites. Jewish worship includes dance on certain feasts, such as the Simhat Torah, where the holy scrolls are part of the sacred movement.

In the United States, the practice of liturgical dance began to grow following Vatican II, but it was not readily accepted. Since dance in Western culture is viewed by some as an expression of love, intimacy, or diversion, the Church's approach is reserved. In 1975, the Vatican repeated this and said that because the Roman rite does not include dance as part of worship, inclusion of dance in liturgy is not appropriate ("The Religious Dance, an Expression of Spiritual Joy," *Notitiae* 11, 202-205).

We see dancing in our parishes and at diocesan celebrations; however, it should occur outside of the liturgy.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"The prayer of praise is a Christian prayer, for all of us. In the Mass, every day, when we sing the 'Holy, Holy, Holy', this is a prayer of praise: we praise God for his greatness because he is great. And we address him with beautiful words because it pleases us to do this. The prayer of praise bears fruit in us.

Sarah danced as she celebrated her fertility—at the age of ninety! This fruitfulness gives praise to God. Men and women who praise the Lord...bear fruit."

—Address to the Catholic Fraternity

of Charismatic Covenant Communities and Fellowships, October 31, 2014



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