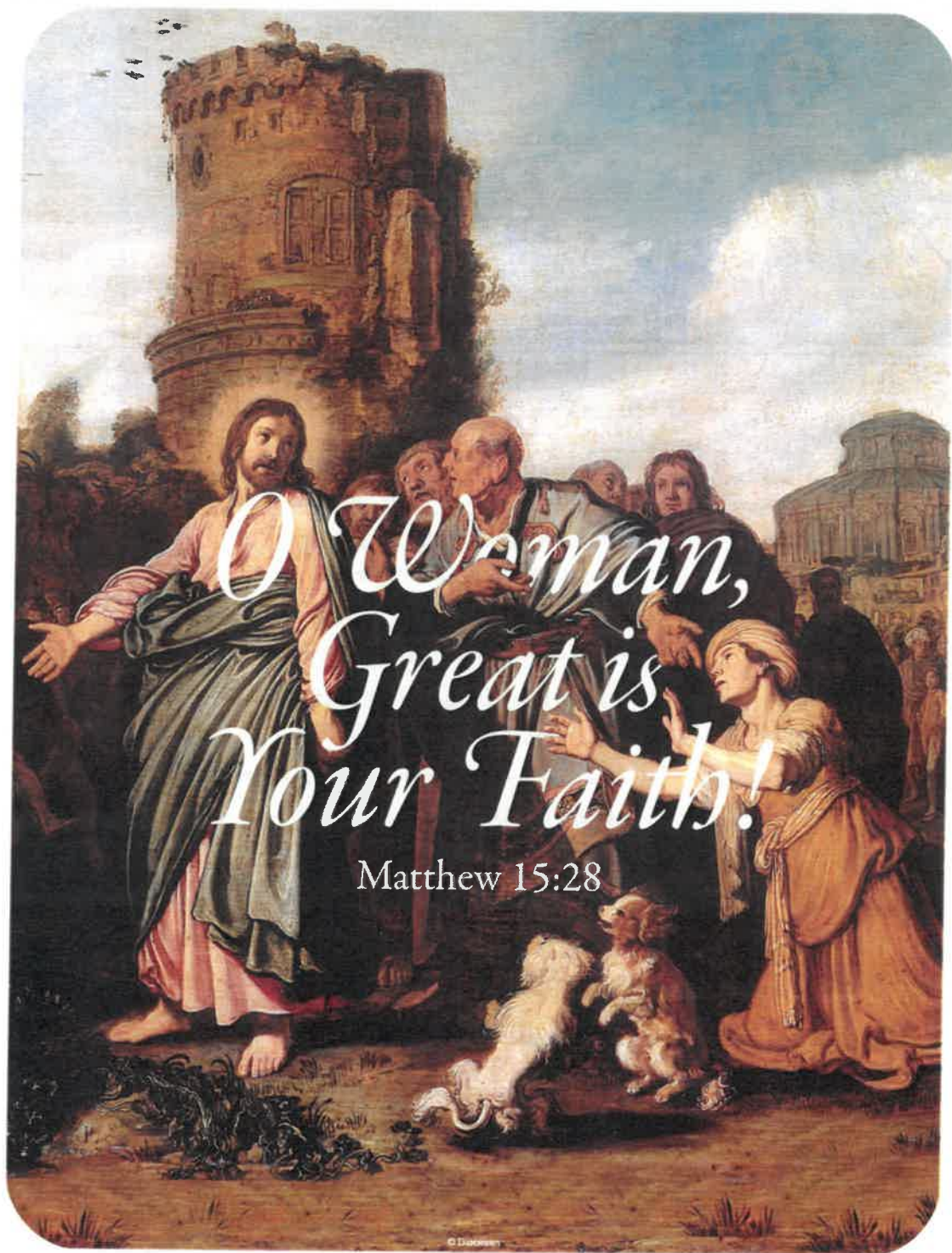






ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 16 , 2026

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

August 15	5:45pm	ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. (Not a Holyday of Obligation this year) +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 19	5:30pm	Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by The Family
August 22	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 26	5:30pm	+Deceased Members of Ulman Family +Dan Phelan req. by The Family
August 29	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
August 15	Chris Younker	P. Engler
August 22	Sue Nugent	C. Smith
August 29	Sherrie Ashley	L. Cakora

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 16, 2026**

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday Ez 24:15-23; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



**OUR SCRAP
METAL
DRIVE IS
SCHEDULED
FOR
SEPTEMBER 12
MORE INFOR
TO FOLLOW**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
8/9/2026**

**Sunday - \$1,768.00
Maintenance - \$525.00**

**Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15
Thank you for your faith filled support.**

Please Remember our sick: especially:

Ralph Kuntz, Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori, Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson,, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**



**Our Blessed Mother
Candle Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
AUGUST**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



He walked out the door not knowing where he'd sleep

Kortlan never thought he'd be homeless. He was working, he had an apartment – and then he lost both. He walked out the door that day not knowing where he'd sleep that night. He'd never been to a shelter before. Five months later, he's still moved by how it turned out.

"I'm a living witness – if you work hard on your end, you'll have a happy ending." – Kortlan



Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

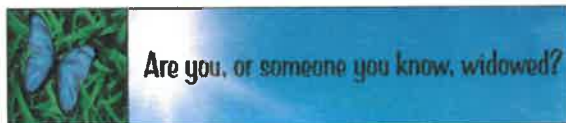
PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$10,605.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$10,380.00

DONORS - 24

WEDNESDAY MASS AT 5:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
COME AND PRAY
FOR OUR PARISH



If you have lost a spouse over six months ago or if your loss happened some time ago, this program is designed to support you. It helps you take steps forward while continuing to honor and cherish the meaningful memories of your spouse.

Joyful Again! is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

The next Overnight Retreat/Workshop will be held at this location. **All are welcome!**

What: 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: Sept. 12 & 13, 2026 at University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

For more information on this retreat or to register, visit our website:

www.joyfulagain.org

For more information call: 708-354-7211

or e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org



WHAT A WEEK !!!

We lost one of our
trees Tuesday
during the storm
**A VERY BIG
THANK YOU**

To Mike & Katie Horath
And family for coming
And cleaning up our downed tree.

The only other issue is some water in
the rectory basement.

Still working on getting
quotes on fixing the wall
and ceiling on the landing
from the previous storm



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Clever Woman of Faith

The first reading reminds us that even though the Jews are God's chosen people, foreigners who love the Lord will be accepted into God's house. So why is Jesus being so difficult with the Canaanite woman?

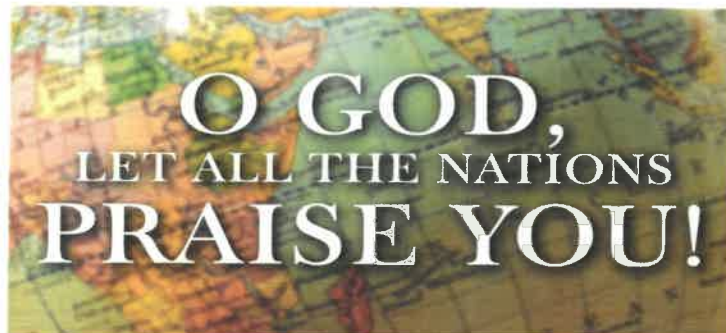
At first he seems to be putting her off. He doesn't answer her, but tells the disciples that he came only for lost sheep of Israel, adding the remark about food going to the dogs. He does this not to discourage her, but to draw a response of faith. He wants to see how persistent she is in her request.

We can tell ourselves that we are people of faith, but how easily are we discouraged? Do we think God has forgotten us when we experience trouble? Sometimes it is our childish belief that everything has to go our way. We may not be selfish about it; we may be discouraged by the suffering of someone we love. The woman's clever reply to Jesus reminds us that she trusted in Jesus' power and willingness to help.

Jesus was also teaching his disciples that faith is more important than nationality. They were all Jews and wanted Jesus to send the Canaanite woman away. Long after Jesus' resurrection, the church struggled with the question of non-Jewish believers. Today, we may be doing the same thing in reverse. Some people think that only Catholics can be saved and that there is no hope for Protestants, much less for Jews. God's covenant with the chosen people cannot be rescinded. Paul says that the rejection of Jesus by Jewish leaders led to salvation for the rest of the world. But though some rejected Jesus, God never rejected the Jews.

Finally, Jesus responded to her persistence. Like the woman who wouldn't go away, we can keep praying till we get an answer to our prayer. While sometimes our request is granted, sometimes God has a good reason to delay or even say no. The more time we spend in prayer, the more likely we are to listen to God's answer. Prayer can help us come to the peaceful acceptance that God only does what is best for us.

Tom Schmidt



Give Thanks to the Lord With All Your Heart

It's hard to believe, but summer is winding down already. It seems like just yesterday that the snow was finally behind us and my kids were actually ASKING to go outside, instead of us telling them to. It was as if the higher temperatures and sunshine beckoned us out to take part in it, to receive the warmth of God's love in the beauty of nature.

But by now we may be on the opposite end of the spectrum. Tired of being hot and sweaty. Tired of the lack of a more structured schedule. Tired of trying to entertain our kids in order to avoid that oh-so-frequent complaint of "I'm boooored!" Tired of paying the elevated electric bill. Tired of being tired.

Or maybe we are feeling a sense of sadness for all the opposite reasons. Maybe we don't want the summer to end. Maybe we love the heat. Maybe we have a pool or live on a lake and are able to enjoy the short summer months to the fullest. Maybe we feel more fully alive from all the extra Vitamin D.

Yet, whether we are feeling relieved or a little depressed, we are able to understand that this, like many things in life, is a season. A season that is only for a time, one that will transform and change into another season, much like the leaves change on the trees. And each of these seasons offer us an opportunity to lean into all the graces they offer. They offer us the opportunity for personal growth and growth in our personal relationship with God.

Lately, I have been trying to teach my kids to be grateful. Not to ask me for more and more, or to complain about what they want, but to simply be grateful for all that they have. I would encourage you to do the same during this time of changing seasons. Let us exclaim with the Psalmist: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple. I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me."

And once our mindset has transformed into an attitude of gratitude, we can spontaneously proclaim like St. Paul in our second reading: "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"

By Tami Urcia