



*"There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better
part and it will not be taken
from her."*



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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16th Sunday—In Ordinary Time
July 20, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

July 19	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Cakora Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 26	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by Carmen & Jerry Kinsella Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 2	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by Claud & Etta Werner Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 9	5:45pm	Grace Niemiec req. by Horath Family Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 7/13/2025

\$1,148.00

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

LECTORS

July 26 Jerry Kinsella

August 2 Mark May



**Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is Burning for
GRACE NIEMIEC
Req. by
The Stauffenberg Family**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY OF
ST. PATRICK**

**Scripture Readings
for the Week of July 20, 2025**

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday Feast of Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



JOYFUL AGAIN

**Are you widowed and still hurting?
Please join us.**

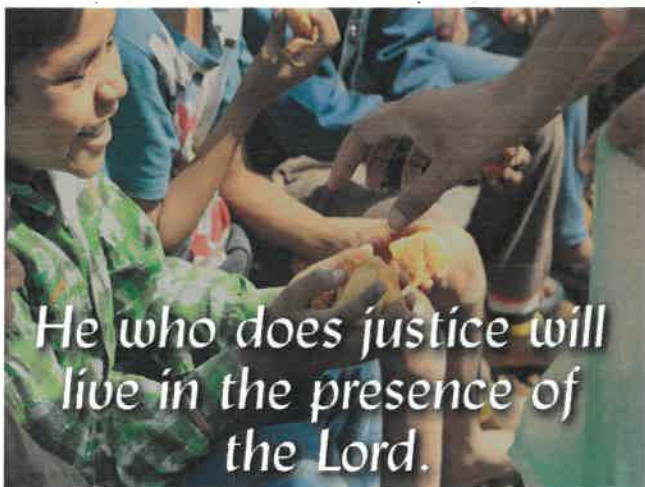
**What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day
Workshop and Spiritual Retreat**

When: June 28th & 29th 2025

**Where: St Julie Billiart, Tinley Park, IL
(Commute only) (Hotels available nearby)
For further information, call: 708-354-7211.**

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org



Please Remember our sick; especially:

Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski,
Lisa Price, Marshall & Duncan Lorenzen,
Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe &
Carol Price, Beth Oniel, Bernice &
Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy
Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith,
Laura Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee
Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

The Better Part

The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner – maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

Tom Schmidt