A photograph of an open arched doorway. The doorway is dark, and the arch is light-colored. The view through the doorway shows a sunset or sunrise scene with a bright orange and yellow sky, silhouetted trees, and a field of tall grass. The text is overlaid on the sky portion of the image.

*"For everyone  
who asks, receives;  
and the one who  
seeks, finds;  
and to the one who  
knocks, the door  
will be opened."*



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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17th Sunday—In Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

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
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August 9	5:45pm	Grace Niemiec req. by Horath Family Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 7/20/2025

**\$899.00**

**THANK YOU** For your faith - filled support

### LECTORS

August 2 Mark May

August 9 Jim Kreske



Our Blessed Mother Candle  
Is Burning for  
**GRACE NIEMIEC**  
Req. by  
Kay Bertrand



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

Scripture Readings  
For the Week of July 27, 2025

**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

**Monday** [Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35](#)

**Tuesday** [Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus](#) Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** [Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46](#)

**Thursday** [Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest](#) Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday** [Memorial of Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church](#)

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday** Lv 25: 1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

[Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21](#)

**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.

## Back To School Prayer

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### JOYFUL AGAIN

Are you widowed and still hurting?  
Please join us.

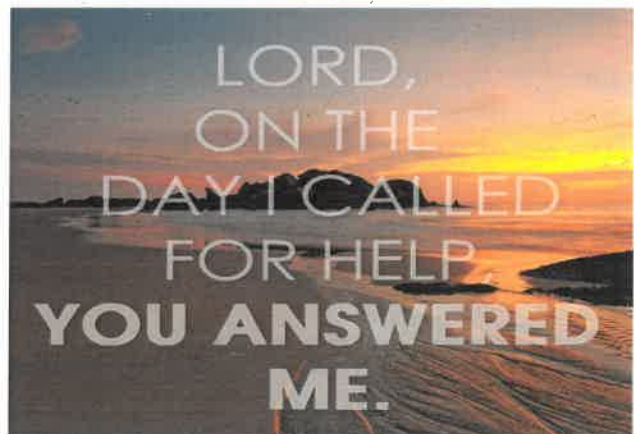
What: Attend a Joyful Again!  
2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: Sept 20th & 2st, 2025

Where: University of St. Mary's of the Lake,  
Seminary, Mundelein, IL. Over-  
night Accommodations available

For further information ,  
call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at [info@joyfulagain.org](mailto:info@joyfulagain.org)  
website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)



## Be Careful What You Ask For

Jesus talks about praying for whatever we need with faith and confidence, but he ends by asking, "How much more will the Father . . . give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Luke 1:13). Is he saying there are limits to what we can ask for?

"Be careful what you ask for," the saying warns. Just because we want something doesn't mean it will be good for us. Remember the Indiana Jones movies? The artifact that the bad guys were seeking usually turned out to be lethal. But if we have enough faith to pray for something, we probably would not pray for anything evil. So what is Jesus really saying? He is giving us two lessons about prayer.

First, he assures us that God does hear our prayers and answers them. Many people take "ask and you shall receive" so literally that they expect God to do their bidding no matter what they want. Prayers, however, are not a magical ritual that somehow forces God to do our will. God is free to do what is best for us, free to answer some prayers with a no when what we seek is against God's will. So maybe our first prayer should be to ask God to show us what we really need.

That leads us to the second lesson: prayer changes us, not God. If we truly pray as Jesus prayed, we would ask for what we need, adding, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). If we pray humbly and are open to what God wills for us, we will begin to see that what we really need most is actually God. It's not easy to change our minds about what we want or need. To change our desires from selfish to holy takes a lot of power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was raised from the dead by that power and we will be, too (Romans 8:11). Mary conceived by the power of the Spirit (Matthew 1:18). The bread and wine of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ by the Spirit's power. So when Jesus promises that the Father will give the Spirit to us for the asking, the Spirit is both the source of and the answer to our prayers. Let us ask the Spirit to empower us to desire and pray for what we really need.

Tom Schmidt