

Filled with Compassion

Too many people think of God only as one who is offended when we make a mistake and who is ready to exact punishment for that offense. The three stories in today's Gospel passage tell a different story. They tell how, when we make a mistake, God runs after us to bring us back. The description "filled with compassion" (Luke 15:20), which describes the sentiments of the Samaritan, is really a description of God.

In Hebrew, compassion or mercy comes from the word for "womb," and it describes the intimate bond between a woman and the life in her womb. Though the Greek word in the New Testament is not related to womb, it does mean deep inner sentiment. The word conveys the deep sentiment the Samaritan felt for a perfect stranger, the deep sentiment of the distraught father with his prodigal son, the deep sentiment of God for every one of us.

These three Gospel stories highlight another important point: The compassion was not a response to repentance. The lost sheep, the negligent woman, and the wayward son were all somehow responsible for their predicaments, but nothing was held against them. Nor did they have to correct their error before the situation was corrected. None of this mattered. This was Jesus' way of saying that God's compassion is there even before we ask for it, because compassion or mercy is not simply an act; it is the intimate and lasting love that God has for us.

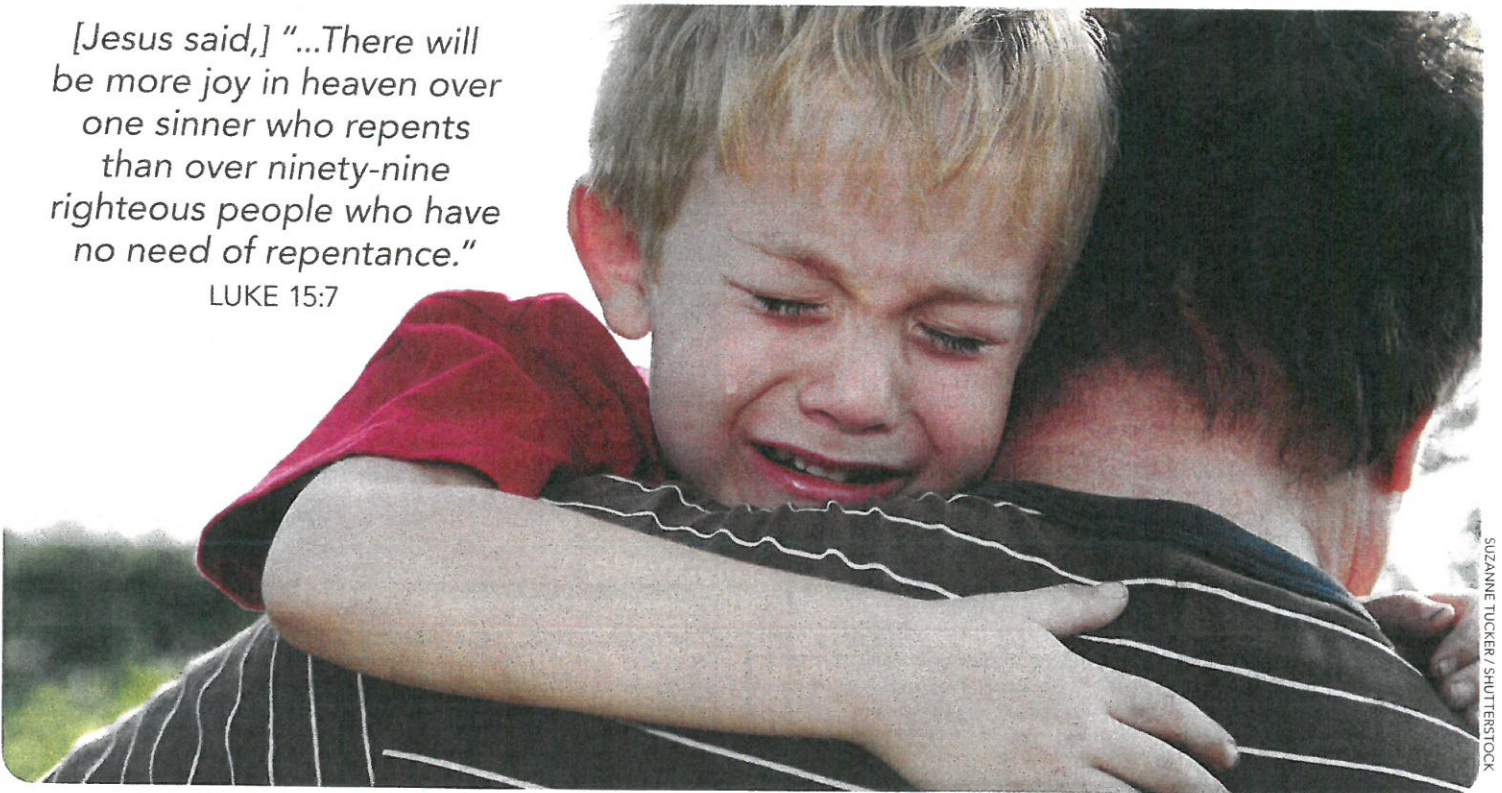
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *Reflect on this passage from Isaiah 49:15:*
"Can a mother forget...the child of her womb?"
- ✧ *Where might you show compassion to others?*

[Jesus said,] "...There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

LUKE 15:7



SUZANNE TUCKER / SHUTTERSTOCK

ST. LOUIS CHURCH

Saturday, Sept 10 4:00 p.m.	3:00-3:30 p.m. Confession Kevin Eddington (by Pat Eddington)
Sunday, Sept 11 9:00 a.m.	St. Louis Church (for the People)
Monday, Sept 12	No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 13 8:20 a.m.	Yolanda Bernardini Tosetti (by Bernardine Hines)
Wednesday, Sept 14 6:30 p.m.	Lee VandenBergh (by The Breslin Family)
Thursday, Sept 15 8:20 a.m.	Mary Larson (by The Fesser Family)
Friday, Sept 16 7:00 a.m.	C.F. & Ruth Ann Marley (by Bill & Paula Marley)
Saturday, Sept 17 4:00 p.m.	3:00-3:30 p.m. Confession St. Louis Church (for the People)
Sunday, Sept 18 9:00 a.m.	Ayden O'Malley (by Carl & Jayne Fesser)

All mass times & intentions are subject to change, if needed.

CALVARY CEMETERY

WE ARE SEEKING A
CEMETERY MANAGER.
Please call the church office for details.



Happy Grandparents day!
Sunday Sept. 11, 2022

CONCRETE REPORT:

Construction on replacing the front steps was postponed this week. Construction is now scheduled to begin on September 19th. Please be advised that the current steps are very steep and narrow. Please continue to make use of the side entrance. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Congratulations to our
CRAZY CASH CARD WINNER
Prize amount \$225.00
Kenneth Tossi, Nokomis, IL
for the week of Sept. 5, 2022

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

St. Louis Catholic Church
311 S. Elm, Nokomis, IL 62075
Phone 217-563-7146

Fr. Michael Meinhart, Pastor
217-563-7146 mmeinhart@dio.org

St. Louis Mass Schedule:

Saturday Evening: 4:00 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 8:20 a.m.

Wednesday 6:30 p.m.; **Friday** 7:00 a.m.

Saturday: First Sat. of the month 7:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m., or call for an appointment.

Adoration: Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Parish office: 509 E. Union, Nokomis, IL. 62075

Church Office hours: Tue.- Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Website: www.slsk8.org **Email:** parish@slsk8.org

Visit us on Facebook: facebook.com/slnokomis

Cindy Hancock, Parish Secretary J'dah Koger, Principal
Sonya Maretti, Bookkeeper Roz O'Malley, School Secretary
Missy Huber, Youth Ministry Bob Barbee, Maintenance
Joe Tosetti, Volunteer IT

COLLECTIONS:

Church		School	
Weekly Envelopes:	\$4,626.00	Ann. School Fund:	\$2,952.00
On Line Giving:	\$130.00	SLS Insurance:	\$526.00
Church/Rectory Bldg. Main.	\$50.00	Tuition Fund:	\$325.00
SLC Concrete Project:	\$510.00		
Sr. Parish: Haiti	\$25.00	Food Pantry:	\$10.00
Sr. Parish: Guatemala	\$25.00	Assumption:	\$50.00

REMEMBER
9-11

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, Sept. 17 4:00 p.m.

Communion Minister: Kevin Schmitz
Lector (Reader): Joe Gasparich
Servers: Adalyn Gillock, Mason Stauder & VOLUNTEER
Gifts: Martha Reed
Ushers: Scott Stauder & Larry Tester
Greeters: Bill & Paula Marley

Sunday, Sept. 18 9:00 a.m.

Communion Minister: Ed Kiefer
Lector (Reader): Jane Aumann
Servers: Colt Bertolino, Kennadie Johannsen & Carsyn Bertolino
Gifts: Member of the Dudek Family
Ushers: Phil Blazich & Lou Stauder
Greeters: Paul & Minnie Keller

If you are scheduled and it is an inconvenient time, please call someone to replace you.

PSR Parish School of Religion Welcome

Wednesday September 14th, 2022

Family & children are welcome to come at 5:45 p.m. in school basement, will follow Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Please call church office for any questions. 217-563-7146

Fabulous Fall Craft Sale

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

At St. Louis Parish Center

Mums from Nokomis

Gift & Garden

Unique Hand crafted items

Fresh baked cinnamon rolls

Please come and support the CCW & SLS.



**Have you been married
50+ years?**



Then you are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki on Sept. 18, 2022 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

Register at dio.org/familylife/goldenanniversarymass

S.L.Y.M.E.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
In Parish Center

Come join an evening of fun & fellowship.

Cookout & yard games: Bags, Washers, Yard Yahtzee, Bocce Ball, etc.

Open to all youth 7-12th grades.

Grab your friends and join in the fun.

SLS Parents' Club Fema Fundraiser

Famous Italian food made fresh then frozen.

Pizzas, tortellini & more!

Please contact a St. Louis student to place your orders or you can call the school office for an order form. 217-563-7445

SLS News: St. Louis School is preparing to kick off their MAP Standardized testing. We are asking for donations for treats for the students during their testing period. Please bring treats to the SLS office or contact Mrs. Koger.



Communion Ministers & Lectors

We are in need of Communion Ministers & Lectors (Readers).

If you are interested, please contact the Parish office.



Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.
Items can be emailed to
parish@slsk8.org
You may also drop by the
office or place in
collection basket
at church.



DONATIONS
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AT www.slsk8.org

PRAYERLINE

Please pray for the hospitalized, sick, military serving our country, residents of nursing homes, and homebound including:

Irene Johnson, Kurt Davis, Martha Fearday, Jim Nicolotti, Dolores Bensko, Irene Jachino, John VandenBergh, Monica McDonald, Brian Knodle, Vicki Maedgen, Connie Oke, Lou Ann Johnson.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If anyone is interested in joining the Catholic Church or you know of someone that would be interested, please call the parish office or contact Fr. Michael Meinhardt.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of,

Tineal Fisher



**CCW are selling
Stackable Pumpkins**

Please contact JoAnn Marquess or Rose Ulrici to purchase.

217-556-5361 or 217-827-9817

**Pre-K 4 year old Students
Are enjoying this years activities!**

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Dear Padre,

My child's godparents make no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Can I replace them?

When my niece, Hayley, was five, she asked me to be her "step-godfather" because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Haley's godfather has moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Haley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond baptism day. The Code of Canon Law says a godparent also "helps the baptized person to lead a Christian life in keeping with baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's first Communion and encourage the child to live a Christian life as he or she grows older.

While neglectful godparents may not be replaced, parents are not limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the faith.

"The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at baptism" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1255). Parents can and should ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a teacher, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have the responsibility to help children—and one another—lead Christian lives.

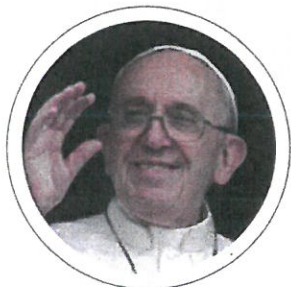


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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your children will receive their Christian identity today. And you, parents and godparents, must safeguard this identity. This is your task throughout your lifetime: to protect the Christian identity of your children. It is a daily commitment: to make them grow with the light they will receive today.

ADMINISTRATION OF BAPTISM, JANUARY 9, 2022

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation of the
Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1–11

Jn 19:25–27 or

Lk 2:33–35

Friday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 15:12–20

Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 18

Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4–7

1 Tm 2:1–8

Lk 16:1–13 or 16:10–13