

# SAINT MARY of the Assumption



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Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Vigil Mass Saturday at 5:00 pm

## The Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - July 24, 2022 "Pray With Boldness" Fr. Bosco Padamattummal

Our Lord's disciples had asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. As part of His answer, He gives us "The Lord's prayer." This is called "Lord's prayer" because the Lord is teaching this prayer. In the Lord's prayer, we have a pattern for prayer, given to us by Jesus Himself. He then tells His disciples a story about a friend who disturbs his neighbor in the middle of the night for some bread to serve a guest. You see, in this story, Jesus is still teaching us about prayer and in it He outlines some principles we can apply if we want to be more effective in our prayers. Jesus shared a parable with them designed to illustrate what kind of praying we must do. Paul picked up on this idea in Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Like a child expects the necessities of life from a loving father, and seeks them boldly from him, so we too can go to God and boldly expect him to meet all of our needs.

I hope you can see the increasing intensity in these verses - ask, seek and knock: asking means making a simple request, seeking implies a stronger desire and a more definite kind of request - something that takes time and knocking shows determination to get an answer. It is as simple as this. The passion and persistence with which we pray reveals our true heart. Passion and persistence in our prayer shows the sincerity of our desire. God wants to know your real heart. You see, God will not put something in our hands until he has first prepared our hearts. Ephesians 3:20 "God can do anything; you know far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your

wildest dreams." Our hearts need to be prepared before God's answer can be received. There is no unwillingness on God's part, just unreadiness or lack of persistence on our part. When a soldier is in battle, he goes to his commanding officer to request the tools or weapons he needs to get the job done - to win the battle - and he expects to get them. In the same way we can go to the Lord with boldness and confidence knowing He will give us everything we need to get the job done. Ask him in complete trust and confidence: Praying in Jesus' name involves operating in and asking according to His authority. Our prayer request must reflect the majesty and power of our God

Another thing Jesus wishes to teach about prayer is selfless concern for a good cause. We notice that the man in the parable asked his

friend for three loaves. He was willing to go out to find loaves of bread to feed his friend, regardless of the time of day. What I want you to see here is that the friend at midnight took the initiative to go to his neighbor and persist until he got an answer - and we are to see that he was inspired by the need of a weary traveler. He was there knocking on the door of his neighbor in the middle of the night because he had a selfless concern for someone who was far from home. Jesus is saying here in Luke 11:8 that we are to be like this neighbor at midnight, we are to boldly approach God and ask Him to meet our needs. And the verse says that God is like the neighbor who gives the bread. He gets up and "gives as much as is needed."

Likewise, if we are going to pray as we ought, we must be willing to make whatever sacrifices are required to spend time in prayer. Hebrews 4:16 "Let us, then, have no fear in approaching the throne of grace to



## St. Mary's 130th Annual Ice Cream Social July 28th

<b>PARISH CALENDAR</b>	
<i>Mass Intentions, [Requested By], Parish Activities</i>	
<b>SAT., JULY 23</b>	<b>Weekday/St. Bridget, Religious; BVM</b>
Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30	3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †<i>Veronica Martin</i></b> <i>[Paul &amp; Barbara Lengal]</i>
<b>SUN., JULY 24</b>	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am <b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Duane Beuerle</i></b> <i>[John &amp; Beth Ball]</i> <b>10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b>
<b>MON., JULY 25</b>	<b>St. James, Apostle</b>
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28	<i>No Mass Today in Manchester</i>
<b>TUES., JULY 26</b>	<b>Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM</b>
Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43	<b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Philip Hartley</i></b> <i>[Betty Cummings]</i> 7:00 pm ENDOW - Small Group Study - FFH
<b>WED., JULY 27</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46	<b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Deceased Members of the Millenbach Family</i></b> <i>[The Achtenberg Family]</i>
<b>THURS., JULY 28</b>	<b>Weekday</b>
Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53	<b>8:30 am Mass: †<i>Victoria Curley</i></b> <i>[Ruth Burch]</i> 4:30-7:30 pm 130th Annual Ice Cream Social
<b>FRI., JULY 29</b>	<b>Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b>
Jer 26:1-9 (405)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	<b>8:30 am Mass: <i>For the Repose of the Soul of †Joe Kirk</i></b> <i>[Judy Walz]</i>
<b>SAT., JULY 30</b>	<b>Weekday/St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor; BVM</b>
Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12	3:30-4:30 pm Confession <b>5:00 pm Vigil Mass: †<i>Duane Beuerle</i></b> <i>[The Beuerle Family]</i> 12-4pm Rummage Sale Drop Off - PC
<b>SUN., JULY 31</b>	<b>The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21	Confessions 8:00-8:15am and 10:00-10:15am <b>8:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i></b> <b>10:30 am Mass: †<i>Ann Marie Christensen-Rugh</i></b> <i>[Eric and Lori Feiler]</i> 12-4pm Rummage Sale Drop Off - PC

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receive mercy and to find grace when we are in need of help”

What an incredible picture the Lord gives in this parable for the believers' duty to pray. Believers are to take the initiative to go to the Lord in passionate and persistent prayer, even if it is in the middle of the night, until we get the answer. We go to prayer because of the needs of the weary travelers we meet in life quite often. Jesus said, "I have not come to be served but to serve," and we are to have that same attitude in our prayer. The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer, or those who say they believe in prayer, nor those who can explain about prayer; but I mean those people who take time to pray. "Devote yourselves to prayer, be watchful in it with an attitude of thanksgiving," (Colossians 4:2).

We have to keep in mind: "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." The closing verses of Jesus' teaching on prayer in this Gospel passage is "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" These verses teach us that we can expect marvelous and wonderful things from God's hand. We learn here that God's answers to prayer are always good ones. Because God is a good God, a loving heavenly Father, He will answer them in such a way that is for our highest good.

Dear brothers and sisters If we simply want to see good things happen in our marriages, our families, at work, at church or in our children and friends, then we must pray with boldness, with passion, and with expectancy. ❖

**Coming Soon!**  
Rummage Sale Aug 11th-13th  
See the 'News' section for details!

<b>Need Help?</b>	
<b>Alternatives to Abortion:</b> Call (734)994-8863 or the 24-hour hotline 800-712-HELP or visit arbor.woman.com/abortion/	<b>"AA"</b> group meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm - United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St.
<b>"Courage"</b> is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.	<b>"Encourage"</b> is a separate support group for the families and friends of 'Courage' clients. Call 810-231-9199 ext. 202
<b>"Project Rachel"</b> (post-abortive reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org	For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: <b>stmarymanchester.org</b>

<b>Please Pray for:</b>	
Bobbie Muldoon	Delores Oakley
Scott Sangster	Andrea Mendoza
Brandon and Jacinda Baxter	Cindy Marie Remski
Virginia VanSickle	Janet Shurtliff
Rosemary Desbrough	Luke Chisnell
Stephanie Rippe, <i>(niece of Betty Cummings)</i>	Nancy Walkowe
Colonel Gary Dettling	David Gaylord
Preston and Spencer (2 young brothers w/difficult life crises)	Danielle Lopez
Alba Pinzani	Mike and his family
Donna Hnizdor	Joe Schim and his family
	Mickey
	Shaun Bonkowski

*Parish and Area News*

**Ice Cream Social this Week**

Ice cream and cake are a delicious summer treat. Don't miss out. Keep a 130-year tradition going by relaxing on the lawn at St. Mary's Ice Cream Social on **Thursday, July 28th**, from 4:30-7:30pm. Other menu items are pulled BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, mac and cheese (we didn't forget the kiddies), German potato salad, and more. See you then. Bon appetit.

**Rummage Sale**

We are weeks away from the Rummage Sale, but plans are underway, and we need your helping hands! No sign-up sheets this year, just show up during any of our times to help with bringing in items, pricing, selling, or clean up. Drop off for items for the Rummage Sale will take place: **Saturday, July 30th-Sunday, August 7th**. The drop off times are: Saturdays 12pm-4pm, Sunday, July 31st 12pm-4pm, weekdays 4pm-7pm, and Sunday, August 7th 12-3pm. Pricing will be **August 8th-10th** 4-7pm. The sale will be: **August 11th** 9am-6pm, **August 12th** 9am-6pm, and **August 13th** 9am-3pm. Clean up will follow closing until we are finished. Pick up and transport of materials to Good Will will begin at 11:30 on **Sunday, August 14th**. It takes our village of Manchester to make our Rummage Sale a success. Spread the word!

**Date Night — Reimagined!**

An evening for women who have lost their partners **Friday, July 29th** at St. Thomas the Apostle in Ann Arbor. Join others who share your experience of loss for an evening of fine dining in a warm atmosphere where your mourning has a seat at the table. The evening will begin with cocktails (and mocktails) and time to tell your authentic love story with its ups, downs, lessons, and legacy. Dinner and fellowship around the fire pit will end the evening. Bring nothing but yourself, your story, and a framed photo of your husband. Contact [mkazanjian@sta2.org](mailto:mkazanjian@sta2.org) for an RSVP link.

**Upcoming Retreats**

St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt MI invites you to consider an upcoming retreat:

- Fiercely Loved - A Retreat for High School Girls: **August 8th-9th**
- Summer Scripture Days - The Life and Letters of St. Paul: **August 23rd-25th**

For more information and registration visit [www.stfrancis.ws](http://www.stfrancis.ws) or call 517-669-8321.

**Come Home to the Catholic Church**

Those interested in learning how to come into the Catholic Church are invited to the inquiry session, to be held in the Fr. Fisher Hall on **Wednesday, August 17th** from 7:00-8:00 pm. Some light refreshments will be served.

**Significant Wedding Anniversaries**

Are you or someone you know celebrating a significant wedding anniversary: 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ years of marriage? If so, please contact the parish office to let them know. Please also advise the parish if you celebrated a milestone anniversary during 2020 or 2021 as we did not celebrate anniversaries those years, due to COVID. The diocese is grateful for your witness and would like to particularly honor you on this momentous occasion.

**Bring Jesus!**

Eucharistic Ministry to the Isolated quarterly regional team build at St. Thomas in Ann Arbor. Catholic parishes in the Washtenaw County are partnering to bring Jesus to residential care facilities. This is a beautiful way to share the consoling presence of Christ and his church with those who might otherwise have no opportunity. Join us on **Saturday, August 20th** from 9-11 to connect, pray, and learn. The event begins with Mass in the church followed by a rite of commissioning. RSVP/Questions - Michelle Kazanjian, 734.761.8606 X 1008 or [mkazanjian@sta2.org](mailto:mkazanjian@sta2.org)

**Surviving Divorce!**

The St. Andrew's Divorce Ministry Team will be hosting an exciting program that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. *Surviving Divorce* features 12 video presentations covering topics that will bring comfort to newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. The course will be starting **September 1st**. Email David at [djmiller57@aol.com](mailto:djmiller57@aol.com) with questions. Register here: <https://standrewsaline.org/divorce>



*St. Mary  
Roman Catholic  
Church  
Stewardship*

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

Sunday Envelopes(47) .....\$3,123.00  
Loose Cash & Checks.....\$100.00  
Welcome Envelopes .....\$3.00  
E-Giving .....\$70.86

Weekly toward budget.....\$3,296.86  
Weekly goal.....\$5,300.00  
Amt. **BELOW** goal .....\$2,003.14

**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Peter's Pence.....\$70.00  
Poor Box.....\$123.00  
Votive Candles.....\$28.00

*Sanctuary Lamps*

are burning this week for:

1. In Loving Memory of  
†Joyce Stein  
(Ray and Karen Berg)
2. In Loving Memory of  
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(Ray and Karen Berg)

*Parish Family Birthdays*

July 23.....Mabel Rickert  
July 25.....Sarah O'Hotzke  
July 27.....Stephanie Messman  
July 29.....David Bargardi  
.....Elizabeth O'Hotzke  
.....Patrice Sommers  
July 30.....Mykaela Zink  
July 31.....Thomas Smith  
.....Marja Warner



*Altar Flowers*

**July 24, 2022**

In memory of †Fr. Paul Ruddy  
[John and Beth Ball]

