

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Mark Catholic Church

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Mass Scheduled Intentions + Deceased

Tues, July 28	St. Mark 5 pm Lolita and Benjamin Villacencio +
Wed, July 29	St. Paul 6:30 pm Eslava and Adams Families
Thurs, July 30	St. Mark 9 am Pierson Family +
Fri, July 31	St. Paul 9 am Anna Mary Gaylord
Sat, Aug 1	St. Mark 5 pm Carolyn Sweeney + Confession 4-4:45pm
Sun, Aug 2	St. Mark 8 am For the People of our Parishes
	St. Paul 10 am Dale Haberlock +

Next Sunday's Readings: [Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39; Matthew 14:13-21](#)

Reflection:

Given the chance to ask one thing of God for ourselves, what would we choose? Before we answer, we would be wise to look back at other things we've wished for, even longed for, and have received. Have they brought us the joy we thought they would? Or did our satisfaction fade over time? Remember, God is infinitely good, the source of all goodness, constant goodness, whether that is love, peace, or happiness. Solomon asked for an understanding heart so that he could exercise wise judgment. With this, he could judge among many good things and discern what truly would bring him joy. But we don't need this. Jesus has revealed the greatest treasure to us—the kingdom—and it will bring us true joy. May we trust in him and pursue the kingdom over all other good things.

It would be easy to misinterpret the first two parables we hear in today's Gospel and conclude that they were about becoming wealthy beyond our wildest dreams. Both the person who finds the buried treasure and the merchant who finds the pearl of great price sell all they have to buy their treasure. But note that they don't turn around and sell these objects for a huge windfall. Nor are they holding them as investments that can appreciate in value. No, these objects are their goal. They have found their true treasures. For us disciples, Jesus says, our treasure is the kingdom of heaven. May we appreciate the treasure of the kingdom and joyfully pay the cost of discipleship, bear our crosses, make our sacrifices, and give what we have to those in need in order to obtain it.

Like the "false wheat" we heard about last week, which was allowed to grow alongside the wheat until it was harvested, then thrown into "the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth" (Matthew 13:42, 50), the "bad" fish meet the same end. In each case, we trust God to make the judgment between good and bad. In each case, we are given a warning about those who are wicked, who try to corrupt those who are righteous. But it is also a warning to those who do evil, that they have until the time of the harvest to change their ways. May we heed God's warning and take advantage of our opportunity to repent of our sins as soon as possible, for we know not when the net will sweep us up.

Question of the Week: What sacrifices am I willing to make and what hardships am I willing to endure in order to gain the kingdom of heaven?

St. Paul Stewardship		Thanks for your support		July 19/Wk. 3	
Total deposit: \$1,809.00		Weekly Budget		\$ 3,800.00	
Mass Intentions: \$100.00		Year to date collection		\$11,863.22	
Votive Candles: \$140.00		Year to date budget		\$11,400.00	

St. Mark Stewardship		Thanks for your support!	
Regular Collection \$2,960.00		Votive Candles: \$413.00	
Mass Intentions: \$120.00			

Prayer Requests –

St. Mark: E.W, Debbie Chamberlain, Mary Lathrop, Luca Carlson, Noah, Tommy Hayden, Kevin Laurent, Jim Hosey, Beth Martin, Ellen Hirsch, Joe Eich, Jim Hibbard, Kim Hill, Patria A., Joe Merimee, Chris Davies, Patricia Kelley, Kevin Manker, Alison Price, Parker, Mandy McCutchan, Tim Johns, William and Terrence Carlin, Bill Stalter, Robin Hinton, James Weber, Pete Arriola, Makenna Finnegan, Margie Hibbard, Marie Berger, Chris and Bernadette Bode, David Russell, Barbara Hughes, Joe and Wanda Loftus, Mary Huhnke, Sr. Mary Christine Taylor, Ann Munn, Roy Maynard, Wendy Welter Teller, Kevin Stuckner, James I. Hosey, Mawn Family, David Harkins, Austin Benthem, Diane Edelbrock Nelson, Gerry Maynard, Jan Piche, Jim Eich, Kenny and Maggie Pierson, Lonnie O'Neill, Richard Berger, Shannon Doney, Sr. Joan Claire

Both Parishes: Persecuted Christians throughout the world, Theresa Weidner Griffith.

Please remember our shut-ins and nursing home residents in your prayers: Barb Adams, William Moertl, and all those living in nursing homes.

Pray for our military and their families, especially Monica Dukes, Tucker Pittmann, Aiden Davies, and Jack Rooyakkers.

St. Paul: Jalen Morris, Shirley Carney, Tara Jeanne Perez, Jim Herbeck, Gregg Weber, Geoff Wurts, Troy Jewell, Freddie Richardville, Amanda Davis, Dixon Family in Illinois, Madge Murphy, Eileen Harvey, Johnny Roman, Miss Sherri, Lewis Wurtman, Andrea Brumley, Steve Alldredge, Karen Riedeman Schalk, Jansen Hubbard, Pam Childress, Robert Peek, Jason Goodwin, Iris Brandon, Sandy Haberlock, Christa Strong, Rodger Rush, Max Reil, David Cansler, Margot Shirley, Kendra Redd, Rick Bennett, Mary Reil, Beth Berton, Ronald Weidner, Mary Cheeseman.

St. Paul's Women's Society is Looking for a few Good Women

If you are interested in joining, please let Susan Brinkley know (270) 625-9613. The meeting time will be determined by those joining.

Youth Faith Formation Registration

Registration forms are available at both churches. Please register your child.

Ursuline Sisters launch Annual Raffle - you could win \$10,000!

The Mount Saint Joseph annual Raffle has begun, and one lucky person will win the top prize of \$10,000! The raffle has been a major source of funding for the Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph for 56 years. The tickets are \$5 each. Ticket holders get a chance to win **\$10,000, \$5,000, \$2,000, or a handmade quilt valued at \$1,000.** The beautiful queen-size quilt features

The raffle drawing will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026, Buy your online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/mountraffle>. If you would prefer to order tickets by mail make your check out to Ursuline Sisters and send it to: Mount Raffle, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. Contact Dan Heckel at 270-229-2009 or dan.heckel@maplemount.org. for information.

Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact the Pastor to schedule a Baptism. One-month notice is required.

Matrimony: To schedule a wedding, please make an appointment with Fr. Brad. At least six months are needed for preparation.

Please contact Fr. Brad at (270) 365-6786 for **Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion** or **Pastoral calls to the sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.**

WELCOME! Please see Fr. Brad or Kathy Talley to register. If you are a current parishioner with a change in contact information, please notify Kathy Talley kfct@umich.edu or (270) 625-3433.

DIOCESAN POLICY: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Eddyville Police 270-388-2287, Princeton Police 270-365-2041, the Commonwealth's Attorney (270-388-9494) or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

To make a report to the Diocese of Owensboro regarding abuse by anyone acting in the name of the Church, whether long past or recent, please call Scott Ingram Pastoral Assistance Coordinator 270-852-8380 (English) Miguel Quintanilla *Coordinador de Asistencia Pastoral* 270-880-8360 (*Español*) both are confidential phone lines.

The Diocese of Owensboro sexual abuse policy is available at St. Mark on the oak book shelves in the social hall, in St. Paul on the back table and also on the diocesan web site (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe/>).



Rachel's Vineyard August 21-23, 2026 Mount St. Francis, Indiana (Louisville area)

Come join us for a weekend of emotional healing and spiritual renewal. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects of abortion.

Contact Rita: (270) 474-4707, ext. 1
retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com
<http://hopeafterabortionky.com>

HOPE Banquet Tables are Forming Now

St. Mark currently has two table hosts, Roger Edelbrock and Sonny Finnegan. The banquet is free. Table hosts merely handle donation forms at the table. It would be wonderful if St. Paul could have a table this year as well. If interested, sign up on the sheets on the bulletin tables.

Bulletin Announcements should be sent directly to Regina (931)801-6514 or reg8926@gmail.com NLT Tuesday evening.