

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Let us make our petitions known to God, for the Spirit intercedes for us even when we do not know how to pray as we ought.

- ☺ That the Church might be like yeast in the world, leavening the whole batch with the good news of God's love, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**
- ☺ That leaders of the world might work together to eliminate hunger and poverty in every nation, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**
- ☺ For those among us who struggle with how to pray, that the Spirit will intercede for them and show them the way to God, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**
- ☺ For all those who are quick to judge others, that they may learn patience in allowing others to grow and bear fruit, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**
- ☺ For the safety of those who serve in our armed forces, and for their families and loved ones, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**
- ☺ That the dead will know the treasures that await them in the kingdom of heaven, especially Deacon Florian "Dutch" Hurrish, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**
- ☺ That God hears the intentions of our baskets, Alois Iwanski, Gertrude Iwanski, Marge Adamczak, the Living and Deceased Members of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes and the continued success of the Renovation projects, we pray;
▶ **Christ our justice, hear us.**

(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)

Presider: God of goodness, we ask you to hear these our prayers and grant them along with every good thing, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: AMEN!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 22-23, 2017



MASS INTENTIONS:

†Alois Iwanski & Gertrude Iwanski
†Marge Adamczyk

Living and Deceased Members of
St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes

PENITENTIAL RITE:

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you are the living Word, calling us to embrace goodness and truth:

Lord have mercy;

.....Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the searcher of hearts, calling us to a life of love for one another:

Christ have mercy;

.....Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the redeemer, calling us to pattern our lives on the mystery of your death and resurrection:

Lord have mercy;

.....Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#45, Gather - Psalm 100
We Are His People

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

The Word of the Lord.
THANKS BE TO GOD!

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but

gather the wheat into my barn." He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world." Then dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The Gospel of the Lord.
PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.