

frightened to see the emperor and his entourage. The woman and her husband quickly bowed before the ruler.

"You! You knock me over in the middle of my prayer and do not have the grace to apologize! Explain your disrespectful behavior or you will be severely punished," stormed the emperor.

The woman slowly rose and faced the emperor. "Your majesty, I was so absorbed in the thought of my husband in danger that I did not see you here. I do not even recall stumbling over you. Now, while you were at prayer, you were absorbed in One who is infinitely more precious than my husband. How is it that you noticed me?"

The emperor was stunned into silence. His anger disappeared. He smiled at the couple and wished them well. Later, he told his counselors that a peasant woman, who was neither a scholar nor a cleric, had taught him the meaning of prayer.

[Anon.]

Prayer is not simply a formula of words or choreography of ritual. Prayer is a consciousness, a perspective, an awareness of God as the source of all that is good and the ultimate fulfillment of our life's journey. Prayer is not the scope and breadth of the words we say, but a deep sense of gratitude that compels us to realize God's love in our love for family and friends and their love for us; to see God's hand nurturing and sustaining every molecule of creation; to feel God's life-giving breath animating every moment of our existence. Jesus calls us to be men and women of prayer --- prayer that begins and ends with realizing how blessed we have been by God, prayer that actively seeks out God's compassion in every heart and his peace in all things.

WEEKEND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT

Saturday, July 31 4:30 PM at I.C.
 Communion Dist: Linda Moore
 Lector: Sue Vickroy
 Usher: Tom Moore
 Server: Alex Sanders
 Samuel Dean

Sunday, August 1 7:30 AM at St. T.
 Communion Dist: Sherry Yohey
 Lector: Frank Perciavalle
 Usher: Jim Lendino
 Larry Tebbe
 Server: Ben Kuether
 Chad Yohey

Sunday, August 1 9:00 AM at I. C.
 Communion Dist: Lynne Hart
 Lector: Carrie Winhoven
 Usher: Joe Winhoven
 Server: Grace Winhoven
 Isaiah Winhoven

Sunday, August 1 10:30 AM at St. T.
 Communion Dist: Marian Mikalauskas
 George Mikalauskas
 Joe Christian
 Dave Tobias
 Vicki Blei
 Lector: Peggy Sweeney
 Usher: Art Meyer
 Justin Meyer
 Server: Steven Blei, Jr.
 Logan Cordonnier

**JULY 25, 2010
 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF
 ORDINARY TIME**

BAPTISMS: Contact pastor at 473-2970

WEDDINGS: Contact pastor at least six months in advance of wedding date.

RECONCILIATION:
 AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
 on 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm

AT SAINT TERESA PARISH
 on 1st & 3rd Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
 Contact: Elaine Christian 473-2413
 Shirley Gerling 448-6249

R.C.I.A.: Normally done during the school year
 Contact pastor for more information.

PASTOR: REV. JIM SIMONS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 448-6220
 ST. TERESA 473-2970

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MON 7/26 8:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
Elmer Bohman

TUES 7/27 8:30 AM
Immaculate Conception
Dale Lawson

WED 7/28 8:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Guy Dennings

THU 7/29 8:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Stan Hindmarch

SAT 7/31 4:30 PM
**Immaculate Conception
Parish Hall**
Sam Huggins

SUN 8/1 7:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
For the Parishes

9:00 AM
Immaculate Conception
Margaret & Vince Wackerman

10:30 AM
St. Teresa Parish
Dan Rindler

SUNDAY COLLECTION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
July 11, 2010 \$ 1,225.55

ST. TERESA PARISH
July 18, 2010 \$ 1,156.50

PARISH PRAYER CHAINS:

Immaculate Conception Parish - contact Shirley Richard at 448-2936 to activate the prayer chain.

St. Teresa Parish - contact Boots Speer at 473-2872 to activate the prayer chain.

I.C. PARISH COUNCIL Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm.

ST. TERESA CCD

We are in need of teachers for the CCD program starting this fall. We need a Pre-school teacher and a combined 5th & 6th Grade teacher. If you would like to volunteer your services, please call Elaine Christian at 473-2413.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FESTIVAL

The annual Immaculate Conception Festival will be held on July 30th, 31st & August 1st. Please note that the Saturday Mass will be held at the I.C. Parish Hall at 4:30 pm.

CRAFT TIME

Join us with your favorite craft on Saturday, August 28th from 1:00 - ? at St. Teresa Parish Hall. Scrapbooking, card making, needlepoint, or anything else. Bring a friend and food to share! For more information, call Casey at 541-9501.

SPIRITUAL CENTER OF MARIA STEIN

Prayer and Benediction - Sunday, August 1st at 6:00 pm. Held in the chapel of the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein.

Piecemakers Craft Group - Tuesday, August 3rd & 17th, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Come ready to share the day with friends while using your talents to make beautifully crafted items.

ST. TERESA FESTIVAL

Crafts or cash donations are being accepted for St. Teresa's festival on August 27th, 28th & 29th. Contact Marty Speer at 473-5255 to arrange donations. Tickets that have been sold for the big raffle can be turned into the collection basket in a separate envelope. We also need a volunteer to head up a small area for children's activities for toddler age to 8 years old. If you are interested, please call Joyce at 773-7757.

RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Please join us this afternoon at 3:30 pm for some fun in the sun! For more information, contact Eric Vanderhorst at 473-9839 or Todd Vanderhorst at 473-5604.

RIGHT TO LIFE FESTIVAL BOOTH

Do you have extra rhubarb or fresh or frozen fruit? Miami County Right to Life is requesting donations of these items for its homemade pie booth at the Piqua Heritage Festival. Fruit can be dropped off now at 815 Caldwell Street, Piqua, or call Geri Ryan at 773-4684 for pick-up.

Miami County Right to Life provides direct services to expectant and new mothers, voter information, and pro-life educational programs throughout Miami County.

PRAYER WORKSHOP

St. Remy Parish, in Russia, OH, will be hosting a "Prayer Workshop," presented by Carolyn Stucke, on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm, in the rectory basement. At this workshop, catechists will review the nature and meaning of prayer, the various ways to pray and the relationship between individual, communal and liturgical prayer. Attending a "prayer workshop" is one

of the criteria for Basic, General, or Advanced certification. To register, please contact St. Remy Parish at 937-526-3437, or Carolyn Stucke at 937-498-1192, or email us at stremy@roadrunner.com.

ST. TERESA TASK LIST

The St. Teresa task list is complete and is now posted on our website!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

"When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come... For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:1-13

CONNECTIONS**Absorbed in prayer**

One day, many years ago, a great Eastern emperor was out hunting. At sundown, the hour for evening prayer, the sovereign dismounted, spread his mat on the ground, and knelt to pray as is the practice of all devout Muslims.

As he prayed, a peasant woman was frantically searching for her husband, who had left their home earlier in the day, but had not yet returned. So worried was she for her beloved's safety that she did not see the figure of the emperor kneeling in prayer and stumbled over him. Without a word of apology, she picked herself up and continued on her search for her husband. The emperor, as custom required, said nothing and resumed his prayer.

Just as he finished his prayers, the woman returned, happily reunited with her husband. They were surprised and