

# October 16, 2016

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***We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place!***

## ***Cycles of Faith -29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The widow in today's parable didn't give up. She kept "bothering" the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but "day and night." This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing.

As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to "pray always without becoming weary." It's interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable's conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God "will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming "weary" when our requests don't seem to be getting heard.

Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be. But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God's ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let's keep "bothering" this truly just Judge!

Liturgical Publications

**Offertory Last Week: \$2,408.70**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$251.00**

**Second Collection This Week for World Mission Sunday**  
**Second Collection Next Week for Priest Benefit Fund**

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$33,697.50**  
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$37,042.87**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,947.53**  
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$3,193.85**

**Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$4,267.00**  
**Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$4,868.00**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**4:30 p.m.: 76    9:30 a.m.: 135**

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Oct. 15 4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.  
**Sun. Oct. 16 9:30 a.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.  
**Sat. Oct. 22 4:30 p.m.** For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.  
**Sun. Oct. 23 9:30 a.m.** For Robert Bagdis requested by Marie Cookson.

## **Pray for Vocations**

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 17, 2016**

Anne Donegan  
Lee Cross  
Brenda Waters

### **Schedule of Ministries: October 22 and 23, 2016**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Theresa Aube Dawn Griswold Patton Griswold
	Altar Server:	Mike New
	Lector:	Dawn Griswold
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Meyer Family
	Altar Server:	Sophia Bisbee
	Lector:	Alexis Meyer
	Extraordinary Min.:	Stephanie Buzzell Ted Barrett Mike Bullock

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-10/16 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.  
-10/16 Gregorian Chant Concert at 3:00 p.m.  
-10/22 Cleaning of Church at 9:00 a.m.  
-10/25 Senior Meal  
-10/29 Bishop Coyne Visit, Mass and Pasta Dinner at 4:30 p.m.

**Question of the Week** In order to answer Jesus' unanswered question from today's Gospel—"When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"—with a heartfelt yes, to whom must I show Jesus' compassionate mercy?

**Daily Mass:** There will be **NO** daily Mass on Thursday, October 20 and Friday October 21 due to Fr. Cray being at St. Michael's College for Trustee meetings.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**Men's Discussion Group:** The Men's Group will meet on **Wednesday, November 2** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.