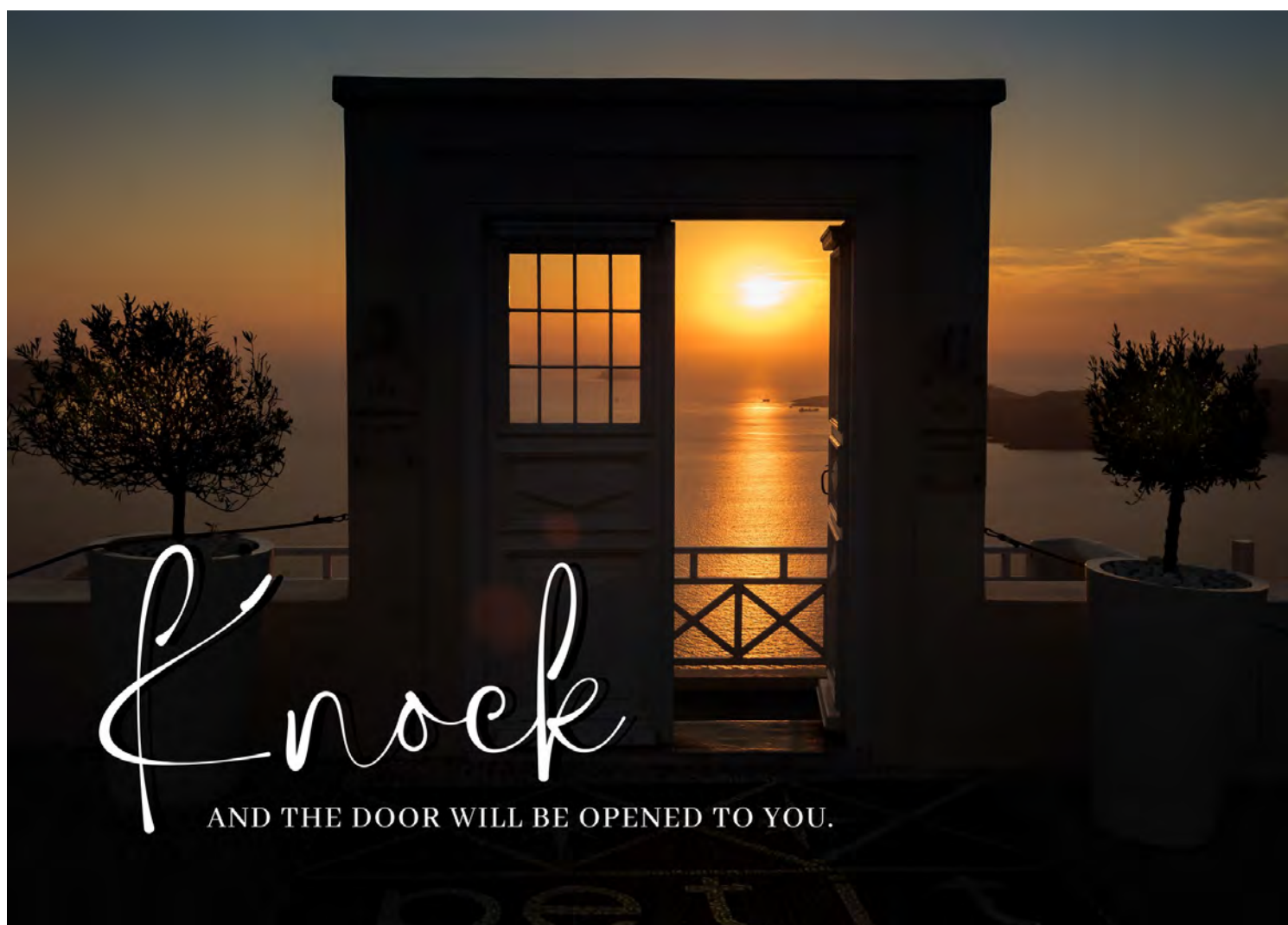




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July 24, 2022 | VOLUME 52 NUMBER 30 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Meister Eckhart asks, "Who is the man whose prayers God always hears?" He answers, "God hears the man who appeals to God as God. When, however, man appeals to God, hoping for some worldly good, he is not appealing to God at all, but to what he is asking of God. He is trying to make God his servant. On this point, St. Augustine says: 'You pray to what you love, for true whole prayer is nothing but love!' Thus, we pray to what we love, and no one rightly prays to God but he who prays for God and has nothing on his mind but God." We struggle with what we want God to do and how we want our prayer validated. Meister Eckhart is correct. We often want God to be our servant. We further struggle with trusting that God knows what we need and that His will is best.

God's will is not some predetermined outcome of events that we must simply suggest. "Thy will be done" is not an invocation beckoning us to accept a particular state of affairs passively. Rather, it is the humble and confident placement of ourselves in the presence of the God we seek, whom we call "Father." We must remember that God is the God of life and light. It is from nothing that God brings something and from the darkness that God brings life. Prayer allows us to seek the One we love with the assurance that all will be well regardless of what course the events of our lives take. God is not about passive submission but the humble trust of love.



That's what makes the Lord's Prayer the perfect prayer. It provides us with proper disposition and focus, putting in line all of the essential relationships of our lives. It celebrates and fosters the ever-deepening relationship of trust we have with our Creator. It also calls us to keep open the doors of love between our brothers and sisters with the power that comes with forgiveness. If in one's darkest hour they can find the resolve to fervently pray this perfect prayer of Jesus' conviction, then there is no doubt that God will hear their plea, reach out in love, and bring them ever closer to His heart. What more does one need to weather the storms of life besides faith, hope, and love? These are God's most perfect gifts and all we really need.

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Saturday, July 30 - 4:30 p.m.: Bradley Brown, Buddy Champion, Gwen Smith, Larry Cronan, Charles Jeanne III, Jeanette Gantt, James Prevot, Ledell Rabalais

Sunday, July 31 - 8 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory; **10 a.m.:** Thomas Webre; **5 p.m.:** STM Families, Friends and Neighbors

SANCTUARY LIGHTING

The sanctuary light in the church will burn in memory of Chad Roberts and Frank Schittone the week of July 24 as requested by Carol Roberts.

PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers the following seriously ill persons:

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To add your name, or the name of a loved one if you have their permission, contact Elise Moran at morane@stmbr.org, or call 225.275.3940.

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For serious or urgent prayer requests, call Sharon Hebert at 225-978-1246 (leave your name and phone number if there is no answer), or send a request by email to prayerline@stmbr.org.

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ing, God called Jimmy and Michelle to found Totus Tuus Ministries—leading them back to Southern Louisiana—and blessed them with a total of nine children. Michelle completed her 28th and final year of home schooling. In addition to her ministry at home, Michelle has been called to minister within her church community in a wide variety of ways over the years. Currently she works as the event coordinator for Magnificat. Michelle has spent her life helping to build the Kingdom of God.

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News from our KCs

In July St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus was one of many councils that delivered meals to the thirty students and faculty of the Louisiana Right to Life PULSE Institute in Baker. Our contribution was a combination of sandwiches, cookies, assorted chips and soft drinks as well as 45 individual bottles of water for their evening meal on a Tuesday. Many councils did the same, taking care of meals for the five day learning experience.

The PULSE Institute instructs and gives hands on learning experience to college students interested in becoming leaders in the prolife movement.



Also, we are proud to announce that **St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council** earned the **State Deputies Award** for activities this past year under the leadership of Grand Knight Frank Lacour. Pictured is State Deputy George Martin presenting Frank with the award.

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Thursday: 8:45 am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, and 5 pm

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

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Emergencies After Hours: Please call 225.275.3940 and follow the directions given on the voicemail message.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of **Jim Bartel**.

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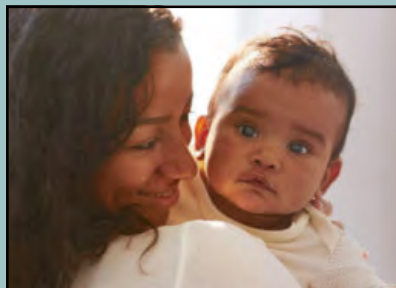
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