

**PRAYER CORNER**

Almighty God, as we ask your help for our Brothers and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may I help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

**JESUS SPEAKS TO US**

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

**Safe and Sacred Reminder**

The Diocese of Fort Worth recently added 15 new safe environment facilitators. If you need to renew your safe and sacred certification or to start the safe and sacred training, log in to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and select a time, date, and location. It is important to note that safe environment certification for employees and adult volunteers is required prior to serving in ministry and must be renewed every two years. If you need assistance, contact Lydia at the church office at 817-335-1695 or email [ommftworth1@gmail.com](mailto:ommftworth1@gmail.com).

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Please contact Lydia Salas at the Church Office

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In Loving Memory of  
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One Day at a Time. ✝

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**August 21st Collection**

Regular	\$ 1,284.00
Parish Maintenance	\$22.00
St. Anne's (Candles)	\$72.00
Social Outreach	\$200.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$70.00
Online (8/19-8/24)	\$125.00

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish.

# OUR MOTHER OF MERCY

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**Twentieth Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (August 28, 2022)**

The Gospel is from St. Luke 14:1, 7-14, in which Jesus had been invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meager meals as a country carpenter, died on a cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbor and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.

There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbor. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body that we have are from God—our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, I thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than I would. I have enough gifts to go on. I shall not be judged on the use or abuse of gifts which I did not receive.

If I use all the gifts which God gave me, to help my neighbor, the spiritually poor, the lame and blind, to heaven, instead of keeping myself aloof from

them as the Pharisees did, then my judgment will be easy. I shall be "repaid in the resurrection of the just."

The proud Christian sets himself up as a critic of God's wisdom. He muses: God forgives sinners too easily. God doesn't know them as well as I do. That conversion cannot be trusted, it will not last, he says. The "sinners" prosper, they are blessed with good health, a happy family, more than their share of the world's goods, and here am I who never failed God, who always did what was right and even more, and I am neglected by God. God doesn't know his real friends!

These are the questionings of a proud soul. Such Christians raise themselves above their neighbors in their own minds. They choose the first places, and from their self-appointed heights they look down on their fellow guests at stranger's grave. Could He have done more to induce us to listen to his counsel when He said: "Learn of me, for I am humble of heart?"

Yet, there are Christians who are proud. Like the Pharisees of old, they thank God that they are not like the rest of men. They shun any contact with sinners. They cover their ears when any scandal is mentioned. Yet they never miss the gossip and are always ready to condemn offhand the unfortunate giver of scandal, without knowing the extenuating circumstances.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, Fr. Kevin O' Sullivan,



**Bulletin Reflections:**

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

*With Prayers and Love*



Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long, O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**September Mass Schedule**

Dates	Time
<b>September 3</b>	5:00 p.m. /Liturgy of the word with communion service
<b>September 4</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>September 10</b>	5:00 p.m./ Liturgy of the word with communion service
<b>September 11</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>September 17</b>	5:00 p.m./ Liturgy of the word with communion service
<b>September 18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>September 24</b>	5:00 p.m. -Fr. Bob Strittmatter
<b>September 25</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>

We will continue give you updates as we have Priests available

**Adoration Times**  
**Wednesday 6:00pm-7:00pm**  
**Friday 8:am– Noon**  
**Saturday 4:00pm-5:00pm**

**Weekly Readings**

- 8/29 1Cor 2:1-5, Mk 6:17-29
- 8/30 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37
- 8/31 1Cor 3:1-9 Lk 4:38-44
- 9/1-1Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11
- 9/2-1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39
- 9/3-1Cor 4:6b-15; Lk 6:1-5
- 9/4-Wis 9:13-18 Phmn 9-10,12-17; Lk14:25-33

**Announcements**

**Religious Education**

Registration forms for Religious Education and Faith Formation are available all (Pre-K - 12th grade and adult (RCIA). Registration forms are located on the table at the rear of the church. You can also download the registration form posted on the church’s website. Forms will need to be completed and returned to the office by **Sept. 4th**. Classes will start **Sept. 25th**. Classes will be held on Sundays prior to Mass. Exact time to be determined. We are in need of Religious Education teachers and helpers. Previous experience would be greatly appreciated or if interested in knowing more about this ministry, please contact Deacon Tom.

**Are You Signed Up???**

Do we know how to get in touch with you? Do we have your most recent mailing address, phone number, and email? If not, please complete the OMM registration form with all the requested information. Just a gentle reminder, to receive the full sacramental services your parish church offers, such as baptism, marriage, funerals, first communion, confirmation, etc., you must be registered with your parish church. PLEASE UPDATE your information now! Forms are located at the rear of the church. You may also call the office to update or email information to the office.

**Quarterly Report for St. Vincent de Paul**

St. Vincent de Paul of Our Mother of Mercy would like to thank our church family for your continued generosity and faithfulness with your donations. The quarter covering May 14-July 31st, we served 53 families, for a total of \$8,972.81. This amount included paying rent, utilities and cellphone. Funds are always used to help our neighboring zip codes, 76103,76104,76105,76112 and 76119. Unfortunately, during the period of August 1st-August 12th, we weren’t able to help our Neighbors because of lack of funds.

**Young Adult Mass**

Bishop Michael Olson invites all Young Adults of the Diocese of Fort Worth to a special Mass on September 8th at 6:30 PM, St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, TX. Meal & Reflection to follow in the Pastoral Center. Please RSVP for meal to Melissa Loza at mloza@fwdioc.org.

**Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House**

"Behold, I make all things new." (Rev. 21:5). Come on retreat to grow in relationship with God, the source of the renewed peace and joy we all desire. Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House, on the shores of Lewisville Lake, in Lake Dallas, Texas wants to help you find the peace that surpasses understanding. Reserve a spot for one of our upcoming retreats today at [www.montserratretreat.org](http://www.montserratretreat.org)! Spaces are limited due to COVID and are going fast!

**Saturday Morning of Reflection, Sept. 17, 22**  
**Young Adults Retreat, Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 22**

**Samaritan’s Purse Now Hiring.**

Help process Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for children around the world in Jesus’ Name! We have a variety of seasonal jobs open at our regional processing centers during mid-November to mid-December-from assisting teams of volunteers to lifting cartons or operating forklifts in our warehouse. Apply at [samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs](http://samaritanspurse.org/occseasonaljobs). Hourly payrate of \$20 per hour for Customer Service and Warehouse Workers.

**CCE Registration**

Registration for CCE classes will end September 4, 2022. Forms are available on the parish website.

CCE Instructors attend a workshop on Sunday, September 11th in the Peter Claver Annex Building after mass.

**SAVE THE DATE REMINDER**

The Knights of Peter Claver Council 89 @ Our Mother of Mercy Parish will host the Annual Frank B Staton Annual Golf Classic on **Saturday October 1, 2022** at **Hidden Creek Golf Course in Burleson TX**. The event format is a 4 person scramble best ball format with a 1 PM shotgun start. The event provides educational scholarships to members of the parish community and related local charities in

our community. Visit the events page on our website <https://kofpcntx.org/> for more details or contact Knight Art Sanford 817-296-3921 for player and sponsorship information.

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. Be humble in your marriage. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is **September 9-11, 2022**. To apply go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Questions-email [apply@dfwme.org](mailto:apply@dfwme.org) or call 469-444-0904

Our Mother of Mercy Statement of Activi-	
Revenue over (Under) Expense	
REVENUE:	
Offertery	9,693
Contributions & Grants	820
Program and service fees	380
Investment Income	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$10,893</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Payroll & Benefits	6,324
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Administration & Office	89
Insurance Premiums	617
Maintenance & Repairs	5,519
Outside Services	2,005
Supplies	0
Utilities	1,819
Program Expense	0
Program Materials	754
Assessments	1,418
Bank Fees	30
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>12,251</b>
Other Expense	0
Functional Exp Allocatns	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,575</b>
<b>Total Rev. Over (Under) Exp</b>	<b>\$(7,682)</b>