



Father's column will return next week.

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### AUGUST 5 THRU AUGUST 11

Monday	Msgr. James Cain
Tuesday	JoAnn Hrabik
Wednesday	Albino Klenda
Thursday	Loretta Patry
Friday	For Prayers Answered
Saturday	James Kocmick
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

### K - College Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus offer scholarships to members of the St Joseph's parish attending a Catholic school or university this fall in at any level from kindergarten through undergraduate studies. This offer includes Catholic home school programs. Applications are in the KOC mailbox. A limited number will be granted on a first-come basis until September 1st. Contact Tim Ihry, 592-6560, if you have questions.

### DEVOTI DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE

Friday, August 9, 2013 | 7:30 PM  
Joslyn Art Museum | Witherspoon Theater  
2200 Dodge Street

Tickets available through Ticket Omaha

Web: [www.TicketOmaha.com](http://www.TicketOmaha.com)

Phone: [402-345-0606](tel:402-345-0606)

Box Office: 13th & Douglas

Four generations in the making, three years in production, **Devoti**, the documentary, will be unveiled at the Joslyn Art Museum August 9, 2013. It's a story of Catholic faith, and the relationship between two countries. **Devoti** uncovers the faith that binds the cities of Omaha, Nebraska and Carlentini, Sicily. A connection of

spirituality that centers on their Patron Saint. A story every Omahan, Catholic and history enthusiast should know.

### TRIP TO EWTN - AUGUST 15 - 20

It's an event you won't want to miss! Spirit Catholic Radio is traveling to the Eternal Word Television Network's [Family Celebration](#) in Birmingham, Alabama-the home of EWTN Studios and foundress Mother Mary Angelica. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by August 1, 2013. Departs from Omaha. Luxury bus travel, hotel stays and most meals included. Mass celebrated at beautiful shrines along the way! Call Ann for details at 855-571-0200, extension 27 or e-mail [ann@kvss.com](mailto:ann@kvss.com).

### WINE & CHEESE OPEN HOUSE

The Ladies Guild will have a Wine & Cheese Open House on August 12 at 7 p.m. All of the women of St. Joseph's Parish are automatically a member of the Ladies Guild, therefore, all of the women of the parish are invited to the Open House. Please come for an evening of socialization and prayer. Patti Iske will be giving a presentation on the methods of prayer and how we can let Jesus become more alive and real for us in our everyday life.

Please RSVP to Karen Schmidt at (402-253-2575) by August 11.



The Ladies Guild Soup Supper and Raffle will be Saturday, October 19. Mark your calendar so you may plan to attend with your family and friends. Also, items and gifts for the raffle are greatly appreciated. The most popular items are gift cards to grocery stores. However, all gifts and crafts are welcome. If you have questions, call Karen Schmidt (402) 253-2575 or Danette Thibault (402)-490-2614.

Gen 18:20-32  
Ps 138:1-3, 6-8  
Col 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. Notice that his parable does not say that we can get everything we ask for. Not everything is good for us; the "bread" that runs as a theme through this scripture is the life of holiness – the "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a holy life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" – the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be persistent. Receiving God's bread usually doesn't happen overnight (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says that we can have everything we ask for as fast as we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, purge our lives of selfish motives, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life? How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe your prayer life. How does it help you become holier in your daily activities? How has the Holy Spirit purified you?

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