



He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' - Mt 13:29-30

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time/July 19, 2020

### SUNDAY'S READINGS

#### First Reading:

For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. (Wis 12:16)

#### Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

#### Second Reading:

And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because it intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. (Rom 8:27)

#### Gospel:

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.""" (Mt 13:30b)

#### Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Anonymous, Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, John Brady, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florientino, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Charlene Genaway, Mary Ann Goodine, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingslely, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Tommy Palmer, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Dawn Ruchel, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Eileen Scott, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kevin Sutton, Nolan Thompson, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward, Erica Wordon

## Faith Formation Resources for Families

Celebrate the feast of **St. Kateri Tekakwitha** by enjoying one or more of [these fun activities](#) from Catholic Icing. There are instructions for drawing St. Kateri, a printable coloring page, directions for making a stick crucifix, and much more.

~How does the Old Testament relate to the New Testament? Are there any similar themes? [Click here](#) to watch a video by **St. Mary's Press** that examines this topic.

~**Real Life at Home** offers a free printable "July Feast Days and Saints Word Search." [Click here](#) to download the page.

~Check out "[The Busy Parent's Guide to Family Faith \(Storytelling\)](#)" by *Catechist* magazine. This article offers tips for cultivating an **atmosphere of faith** at home. The magazine's website also offers a page of Faith Formation resources for parents and families ([click here to access the site](#)).



## 2020 Peter's Pence

## Collection for the Charitable Works of the Holy Father

July 25/26, 2020

\*\*\* Be a witness of Charity \*\*\*



Pastors Blog,

“Brothers and sisters:

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again: rejoice!

Your kindness should be known to all.

The Lord is near.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters,

whatever is true, whatever is honorable,

whatever is just, whatever is pure,

whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious,

if there is any excellence

and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things.

Keep on doing what you have learned and received  
and heard and seen in me.

Then the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:4-9

When trying to think of something for my Pastor’s Blog, I often begin by quoting some of the weekend Scripture that may have inspired my initial thoughts and feelings. This week is different because I am writing about a woman who continues to inspire me, Lisanne Jensen. This Scripture comes to mind because it seems to capture so much of her warmth, personality and commitment to the work of Jesus Christ. It just so happens that Lisanne recently posted that this quotation was hanging on the bulletin board when she started at the Church of St. Joseph five years ago. As she wrote, “...these words immediately stood out to me: ‘Your kindness should be known to all.’ That’s what I have constantly tried to do in my ministries ... not my kindness, though, but sharing God’s kindness and love with others. I hope that I have done that.” She certainly has!

Lisanne Jensen has recently taken a new position as Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at Christ the King Church in suburban Albany County. This is a wonderful opportunity, especially as she pursues her Master’s Degree. It is hard to put into words how blessed we have been having her ministering in a profound way for the benefit of all our churches. It is particularly hard to put into words because, for the first time in years, what I am writing in this blog will not be proof-read by her. Please pardon any mistakes.

Lisanne was a partner in ministry and prayer and was the epitome of a team player. Her roles in the church were not easily defined because she gave so freely of herself and often crossed over into other areas whenever she could be of help and assistance. It is impossible to list her accomplishments but for the reader who only knows part of what her ministry entailed, I would like to offer several snapshots.

Before I highlight her work on behalf of Church of St. Joseph, I want to thank her for the beautiful way she has given of herself for the benefit of the parish family of St. James, and by natural extension, the community of St. John the Baptist as well.

. Working with Angelique Hebert at St. James who coordinates Baptism, First Communion/Reconciliation and the faith formation/enrichment program for children in the younger grades, Lisanne guided the program beginning with the middle school years, including the youth ministry program. At the Church of St. Joseph, she coordinates the entire program and in all cases she is blessed to have catechists, volunteers and devoted parents and guardians who she inspires to give generously on behalf of young and all.

Lisanne has worked closely with Ruth Ellen Berninger, her colleague at St. John the Baptist, and they have inspired each other greatly as they collaborated on retreats, workshops and unique programs that benefit all of our youth and families. In recent years both have worked with Angelique to bring Vacation Bible School to life and we hope that next year we will be able to offer this again. The collaboration has grown, especially as we have shared resources and ideas in light of the pandemic we face and the need to reach out to our families remotely through the media and other ways of communication. Lisanne’s skills in this area, from both a technical and an artistic/creative angle have enhanced so much of our communication, especially on Facebook where she managed St. James and St. Joseph as well as the webpage for the latter. She has brought so much to the extended family of our three parishes.

I would like to speak on behalf of her immediate parish family of St. Joseph. She has not only guided its entire faith formation program but she inspires the community with her faith, her genuine kind heart, her hard work and her dedication. Lisanne entered the community as a learner and a spiritual seeker. She was a participant in the R.C.I.A. process and became Catholic only a decade ago. Her faith blossomed in the environment that she would, in turn, nurture. She has been at the forefront of all parish activities and has lent a hand, an encouraging word and a smile whenever we needed a light in the darkness. The student became the mentor; and the mentor became the disciple.

My favorite example of Lisanne’s beautiful nature was the natural bridge she brought to the English and Spanish speaking communities at our Stuyvesant Falls home. The Spanish liturgies are long and vibrant, often lasting 90 minutes or more. The younger children would understandably be antsy and as every parent and teacher can attest, frequent bathroom breaks could lead into typical childhood behavior. Many of us wondered how the children could be supervised; Lisanne imagined how they could be loved.

Lisanne saw a problem and turned it into an opportunity. She began a Children’s Liturgy of the Word and trained older teens to be true catechists.

Despite the language barrier and the fact she doesn’t speak Spanish, she found people to translate and she found materials online and in her own imagination. She created a program that helped bring together a stronger and more respectful community within our parish family.

God bless you, Lisanne, thank you for all you have done, and everything you represented as you move forward as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a continued inspiration for us all.

Fr. George