### Mass Intentions

- **July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- **August 1, Tuesday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori**, Priest
- **August 2, Wednesday, Saint Eusebius of Vercelli**, Bishop; and **Saint Peter Julian Eymard**, Priest
- **August 3, Thursday, Weekday**
- **August 4, Friday, Saint John Vianney**, Priest
- **August 5, Saturday, The Dedication of the Blessed Sacrament**

### Readings for the week of July 30, 2023

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (Rt7a)/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7/BM 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5-7/BM 14:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Dn 5:7-11, 12-13/Mt 13:44-46

### Confirmation Prep

- **Tuesday, August 8, at 6:30PM in the Cathedral Hall.**
- **Confirmation** registration and information meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8, at 6:30 PM in the Cathedral Hall. All parents and students in public, parochial schools, and home-schooled programs in grades 9, 10, and 11th grades MUST attend.

### Religious Ed Registration Weekend

- **Registrations for 2023-2024 Ret. Ed PK4-11 will be held in the Parish Ed Center before and after all Masses on Sat/Sun August 26/27.** New students, please bring a copy of your baptismal certificate.

### Offertory Collection

**Sunday, July 23, 2023, $7,969.10**

Thank you for your financial and spiritual support.

### Coming up! “Basket Bingo”

Time is fast approaching, only 9 more weeks until Basket Bingo, that will be taking place on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at Father Kelly Hall. We are starting to take donations of Basket Fillers, Monetary, and gift cards (with activation receipt please). Also donations of bottled water, and cans of soda, that can be dropped off at the office. If you have any questions you can call Paula Clemens at the Parish Office 814-944-4603, or Lorraine Beck 1-240-676-6704. Tickets will also be available at the doors on the day of the event. Diggers Up!!! Let’s Play Bingo!!!

### Special Mass for Young People Entering or Returning to College or Entering the Military

All young people entering or returning to college, as well as those entering the military, along with their families, are invited to a special Mass with Bishop Mark at 7:00PM at the Shrine of our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto on Sunday, August 6th. Bishop Mark will offer a special blessing and gift for each of these students.

### Eucharistic Adoration

On Wednesday, August 2, the Cathedral Parish will have Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. until the end of Confessions. A sign-up sheet is located on the cross aisle table to mark your time for visitation before the Blessed Sacrament. It is essential that there be people in the Lord’s presence during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Nocturnal Adoration

The next Nocturnal Adoration will take place at St. Therese of the Child Jesus Church, 2301- 5th Street, Altoona. Friday, August 4th, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. All are welcome to spend an hour or as long as you would like.

### Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis (1999-2006) was a teenager who prepared a website about international Eucharistic miracles. A portion of his exhibit, thanks to the kindness of the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be on display in the cathedral during the summer months. Current posterboards describe Eucharistic miracles that took place at Lanciano, Italy and Legnica, Poland.

Our parish, along with other Altoona parishes will be collecting breakfast cereal the weekend of August 12 and 13 to benefit hungry children in the Altoona area. Please place your donations in the boxes that will be available at our entrances. While children may be eligible for free lunches at school, a large number of them arrive in the morning without breakfast.
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### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom. — Father John Muir

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