

Keep at It

We ask something of God because we recognize that we are needy and unable to meet the need for which we plead. This itself is a good prayer because it acknowledges our human limitation, an acknowledgement that might be very difficult for us to voice. Such prayer is also an admission of our dependence on God and our trust in God's loving care. A prayer of petition can be profound. However, what is one to do when the request is not realized? Do you ask again? And if so, how many times? If it is never realized, do you stop asking? This is precisely the issue in today's readings.

Moses held his hands up in prayer, and he grew tired. His prayer addressed a community need—victory over the Amalekites—and so two leaders of the community assisted him so that the plea for help could continue until victory was won. The Gospel passage tells a story about a woman whose need of justice made her bold. As a widow in a patriarchal society, she had no husband to speak on her behalf. She had to plead her own case again and again until a just decision was delivered. The moral of these stories is clear: Keep at it!

What happens when our prayer does not seem to be answered? It is still a good prayer, acknowledging our fundamental need and God's loving care of us. The moral of our story is the same: Trust and keep at it!

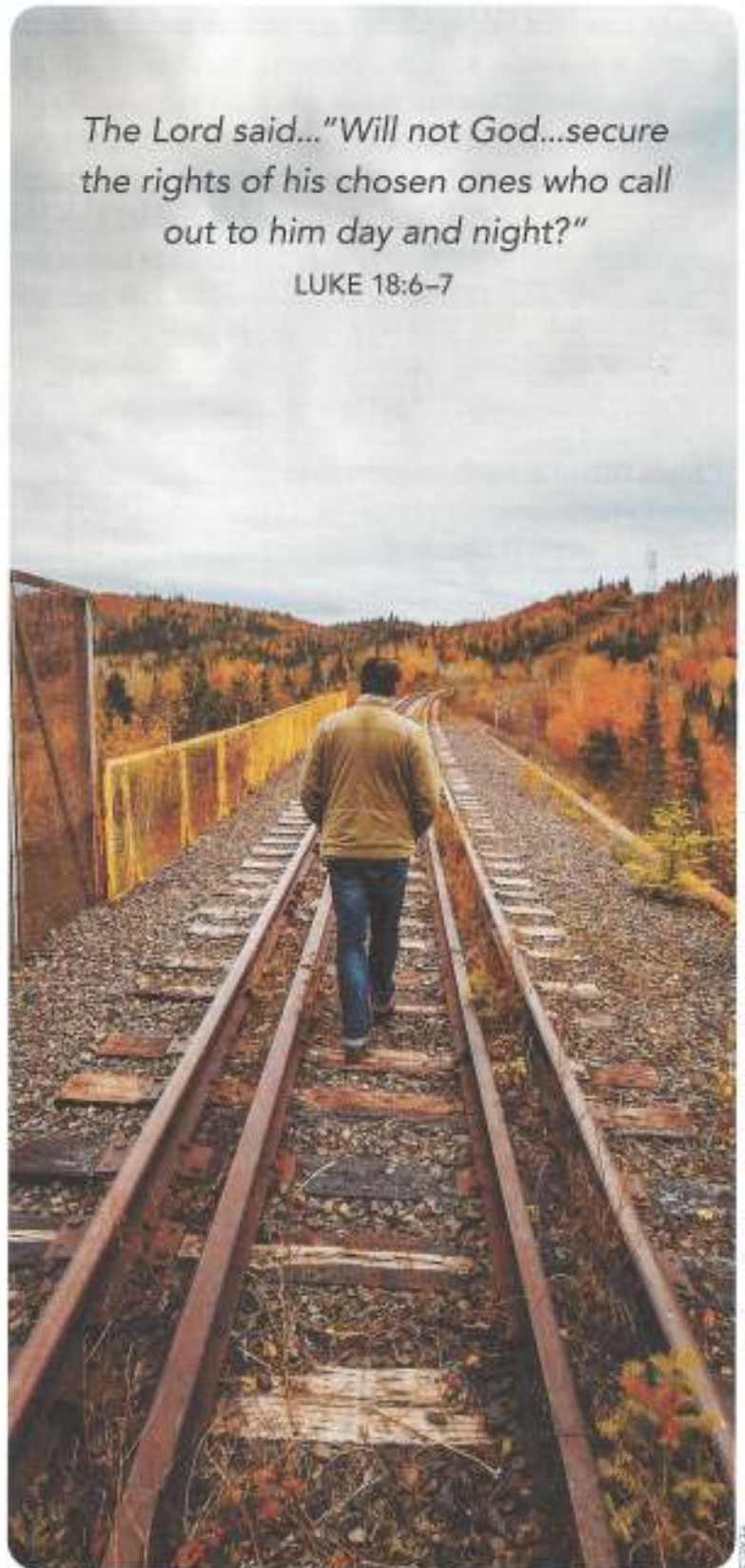
Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ✦ *Make your needs known to God and trust that God will provide what you really need. You might be surprised.*
- ✦ *Be patient. God knows what you need.*

The Lord said... "Will not God... secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

LUKE 18:6-7





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9: 30 am — 10: 30 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, October 16th — K thru 4th grades
Sunday, October 23rd — 5th thru 8th grades

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of October 17, 2022

Monday	10/17			† No Mass
Tuesday	10/18	8:00 am	STM	† No Mass
Wednesday	10/19	5:30 pm	HT (Rosary before mass)	† No Mass
Thursday	10/20	9:00 am	HT	† No Mass
Friday	10/21	8:00 am	STM	† No Mass

Mass Intentions for the weekend of October 22-23, 2022

Saturday	10/22	4:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† Gene Weberski
Sunday	10/23	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Rita Hoscheid
		10:30 am	St. Patrick	† For the Parishioners
		5:00 pm	St. Thomas More	† No Mass



Cross Catholic Outreach

Members of our three churches would like to wholeheartedly welcome Fr. David A Fisher, a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach. This official Catholic ministry was founded to link parishes in the US with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to his appeal. Please be sure to say "hi" after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach or text BLESSINGS to 474747.

St Luke Feast Day October 18th

St Luke was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles'. He was one of the 'the seventy' and worked with St Paul, traveling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements. Luke is also credited with being a prolific painter, creating many works of Mary and Jesus. St Luke is known as the patron saint of artists, physicians and surgeons.



The Changing Seasons

One of the times of year I like the most is fall. The leaves begin to change colors. The weather becomes cooler. It reminds me of what the Psalmist wrote:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Ps. 19:1 KJV).

God indirectly speaks to us through nature. When we think of nature we should be able to see God's beauty. We should be able to witness and feel God's power.

Nature shows us how changes can come rapidly.

Perhaps this is why Paul wrote: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." (Rom. 1:20) Let us think about God and all his attributes as we see the changing seasons, but let us always remember that God never changes

(Mal. 3:6, HEB. 13:8).

Bill Brandstatter

Marion Church of Christ ~ Marion, IL

Volunteers Needed

We are excited to have Michelle Bickett as our new CCD Activities Director. We are looking for volunteers to help with activities and events. We will have a meeting on Friday, October 28th at 6 pm at Holy Trinity Church



Church Activities

LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND OCT 9TH

HT – \$1011.00

SP – \$400.00

STM – \$919.00

Please contact church office when a member or yourself become sick, hospitalized, or is in the nursing home.

Father Tran can visit. Also let us know if you'd like to receive communion.



CONFESSIONS

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY.

NEXT CONFESSION WILL BE ON OCT 29TH.

Dear Padre,

I'm a recovering heroin addict. Do I need to confess my addiction? Addiction is a disease, not a sin, right?

Right, but addiction and using drugs are two different things. As you know, recovering addicts who don't use drugs are still addicts, and that in itself isn't a sin. But it's against the law to use heroin in the United States, so even if you never committed a secondary crime to get it, the "getting it" was a crime.

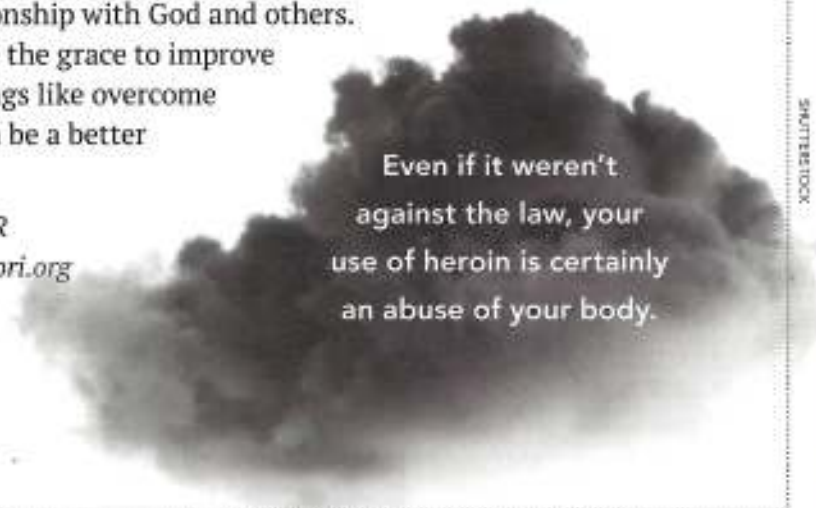
More important, though, the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and it's a sin to abuse ourselves in any way. Even if it weren't against the law, your use of heroin is certainly an abuse of your body.

The sacrament of reconciliation is more than just receiving absolution for sins. It also helps us look more deeply at our lives. Before you go, examine your conscience: Ask yourself how your addiction has affected your body, your life, your relationship with God, and the welfare of others.

If you bring honest answers to those questions as well as an open heart and an open mind, your conversation with your priest at reconciliation will help you heal your relationship with God and others.

You will also receive the grace to improve your life and do things like overcome addiction so you can be a better person.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I encourage all of you...to pursue your commitment to increasing awareness and offering support to those who have emerged from the tunnel of drug addiction....They need our help and accompaniment so that they in turn will be able to ease the pain of so many of our brothers and sisters in difficulty.

ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE ON DRUG ADDICTION,
DECEMBER 1, 2018



Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 17
St. Ignatius
of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr
Eph 2:1-10
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

OCTOBER 18
St. Luke,
Evangelist
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday

OCTOBER 19
Sts. John de
Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs
Eph 3:2-12
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

OCTOBER 20
Weekday
Eph 3:14-21
Lk 12:49-53

Friday

OCTOBER 21
Weekday
Eph 4:1-6
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

OCTOBER 22
Weekday
Eph 4:7-16
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

OCTOBER 23
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18
Lk 18:9-14