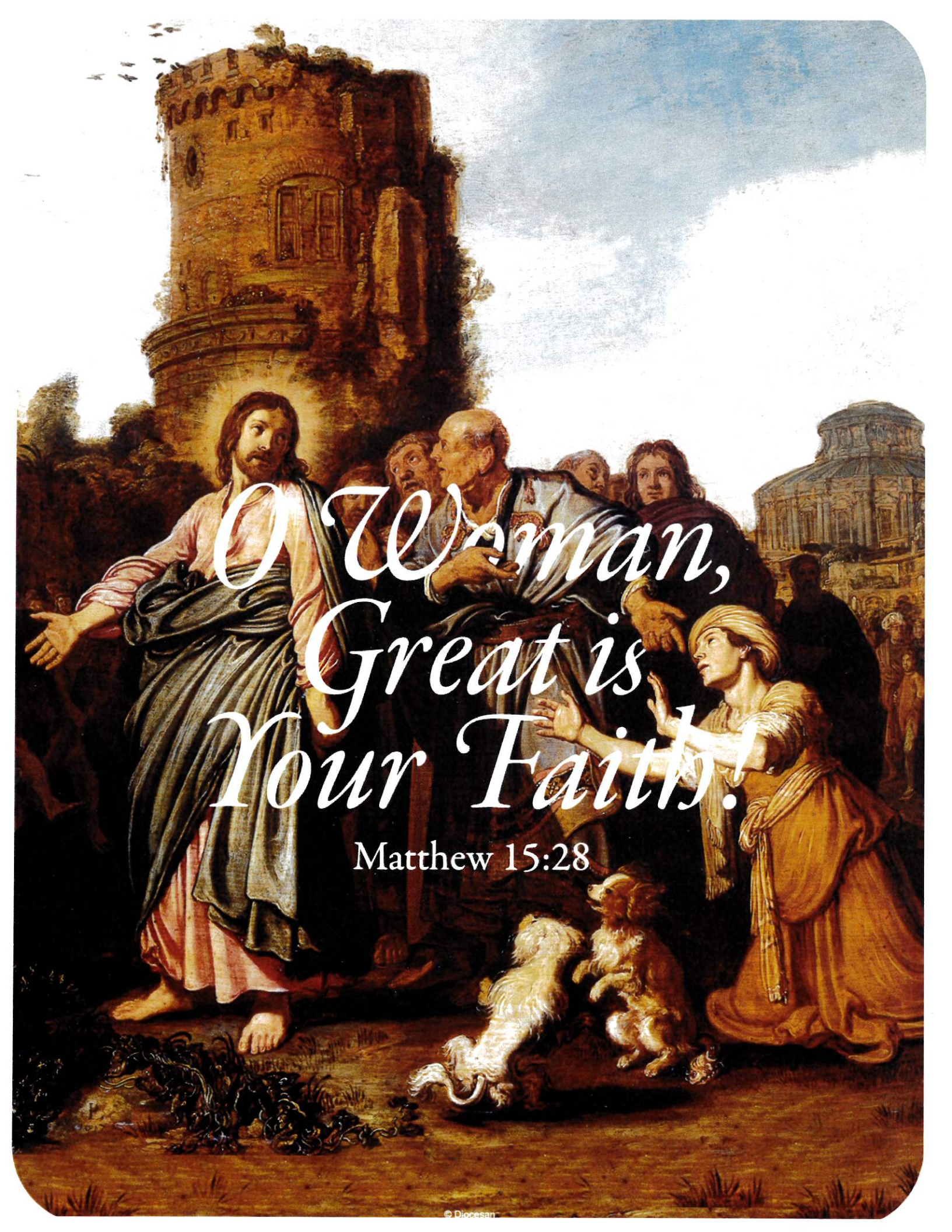




*O Woman,
Great is
Your Faith!*

Matthew 15:28

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 16

7:30am Loretta Butts
10:00am Don Cochran

Monday, August 17 NO MASS

Tuesday, August 18

7:00pm James Fenker & family

Wednesday, August 19 *Special intention:*

8:00am Ben & Heather Allen & family

Thursday, August 20

8:00am Healing Randy Martin

Friday, August 21

8:00am Leonard & Helen McKinney

Saturday, August 22

5:00pm Sally Harber

Sunday, August 23

7:30am St. Patrick parishioners
10:00am Chuck Millberg

Liturgical Ministries

August 22 & 23

Lectors

5:00pm Dan Palmer
7:30am Roberta Davis
10:00am Josie Trahin

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, S. Fawbush, B. Harber, R. Rospond
7:30am D. Strack, R. Strack, T. Schortgen, Z. Schortgen
10:00am R. Rospond, J. Skora, S. Skora, W. Mathenge

Gifts

5:00pm Brandi Duncan family
7:30am Mark Butts family
10:00am Ken Miller family

Ushers

5:00pm J. Burelison, J. Fawbush, J. Gordon, Volunteer
7:30am M. Butts, J. Butts, D. Davis, P. Denihan
10:00am C. Brown, K. Kammer, J. Deckena, C. Deckena

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Sean D, James G, Jonah J, Levi S
10:00am John D, Charles D, Paul D, Laura D

Church Cleaning

August 22 S. Fawbush, A. Lushis, E. Gensic

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Fr. Bobby's Column

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is good to see the kids back in school once more. Even though we don't have a school here at St. Pat's, it is good to be back in the rhythm of a regular life once more. I've seen a number of our people at Bishop Dwenger, since they started this week, in addition to many I know from St. Charles. With the new school year comes athletic events too. I do enjoy attending sporting events for our student athletes, so if your kids go somewhere other than Dwenger, please send me their schedule and I will make every effort to go and support them. I also look forward to the start of religious education here at St. Pat's come September.

I've been meeting more parishioners as they return from their summer at the lakes, which is another good part of the start of another school year. As a reminder, please help me to learn your names. I feel like I've been doing well with this, but I know I still have a long way to go. Please be patient with me, and don't hesitate to correct me if I get your name wrong!

I had my first taste of rough weather in Arcola this past week. It turns out that you also lose well water when the power goes out – something they didn't teach me growing up! As I was praying Night Prayer Sunday night by candlelight, I was struck by the reading: "They shall see the Lord, face to face, and bear His name on their foreheads. The night shall be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever" (Rv. 22:4-5). This serves to remind us that our time here is short, and ultimately, the goal is perfect union with God in Heaven. Please God, we'll all be there together one day!

August 16, 2026

No Adoration after Masses on **Wednesday, August 19 and August 26 at 8:00 am.** Fr. Bobby will be away at meetings.

Young Adult Bible Study (18–35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, August 17 from 6-8 pm** in the conference room.

Life Teen – Leading Teens Closer to Christ (6-12th grades) on **Saturdays** beginning **August 29 from 3-5 pm** in the old school hall.

CCD Registration Forms for Pre-K through Grade 12 are located at the church entrances. Classes resume on **Sunday, September 13 from 8:30am – 9:45am.** Open House for students and parents!

Adult Education Classes will meet on **Sunday mornings** during Religious Education classes from **8:30-9:45am** in the Adult Ed classroom across from the kitchen in the parish hall. All are welcome to join as we continue our faith journey.

Welcome to Our Parish Library! Our Parish Library is organized and ready for you to enjoy. As Father Bobby shared, the library offers a variety of resources to support your faith journey, including books, DVDs, CDs, cassette tapes, holy cards, and informational booklets. Shelves are clearly labeled to help you easily find what you're looking for. As you enter, you'll find a library cart with two totes—one for returned items and one for donations. The front of the cart features a selection of resources for the month of August. Each month, these featured items will change to reflect the Church's feasts, solemnities, and seasonal devotions. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful resource and discover something that inspires, encourages, and deepens your faith. Happy reading and may God bless you on your faith journey!

Join the Bishop Dwenger Family in the Development Office! Bishop Dwenger High School is seeking a **Director of Development & Alumni Relations** to help strengthen our mission through fundraising, alumni engagement, and community partnerships. To learn more about this exciting opportunity and to apply, please visit www.bishopdwenger.com, scroll to the bottom and click on "Employment" or contact Principal Jason Schiffli at j Schiffli@bishopdwenger.com or 260.496.4708.

Called to Serve at the Altar? Have you ever considered becoming an altar server? Serving at the altar is a meaningful way to grow in your faith, participate more fully in the Mass, and assist our priest during the liturgy. We are looking for children (4th grade and up), and youth who feel called to this important ministry. Whether you are new to serving or have served in the past, we would love to hear from you. Training will be provided. If you or a member of your family is interested in becoming an Altar Server, *please contact Raylene Rospond at rmrospond@gmail.com or speak with Father Bobby after Mass. We hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God and our parish community.*

Considering Becoming Catholic? Are you curious about the Catholic faith or wondering what it means to become Catholic? We warmly invite you to explore this journey with us. If you would like to learn more or have questions about becoming Catholic, please contact **Raylene Rospond** at rmrospond@gmail.com or the **Parish Office** at stpatarca@earthlink.net. *Watch the bulletin for additional information about classes beginning this fall. We look forward to walking with you as you explore the Catholic faith.*

First and Fourth Grade Catechists Needed – If anyone feels led to help co-teach with the 1st or 4th grade Religious Education teachers on Sunday mornings please contact Nancy Beyhan: text 260.580-2772 or email ccdstpatsarca@gmail.com.

St. Paula's Ladies Widow Group will meet on **Tuesday, August 18 at 10am** to get together and discuss and plan our meetings and events.

Knights of Columbus Meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 20 at 7pm.** Rosary in church at 6:30 pm.

Mark your Calendars! IPRA Rodeo on Saturday, August 22 at 7pm. Join us for Arcola's Branning Park's First Rodeo. Concessions will be available.

Bishop Luers Euchre Knight – Join us at the Inaugural Euchre Knight for an evening of friendly competition and fellowship on **Saturday, August 22 at Bishop Luers High School.** Doors open at 5:30 pm. Game play begins at 6. \$20 per person. Concessions available. Register at www.bishopluers.org under the special events tab.

Catholic Charities Do Small Things Together Material Drive August 29-September 6. In honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta's Feast Day on September 5th please support local charities by donating small essentials that make a big difference for our most vulnerable neighbors. Drop your new items off in the **Catholic Charities Blue Barrel** in the parish hall. Items needed: Diapers (sizes 3+), unscented wipes, canned foods & dry goods, Hygiene items, new socks and underwear. Thank you for your generosity.

12th Annual Luxury Bingo Event on Thursday, August 20 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Your support of our fun events makes it possible for Women's Care Center to serve the most women in our community with the best model of care. Exquisite Food, Cocktails, Great Fun. Space is limited. Reserve your table early at LuxuryBingoFortWayne.com or text "FWBingo" to 41444.

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