

Catholic Communities

Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

St. Peter Catholic Church

Sunday
October 19, 2025
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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Fayette, OH 43521
419-237-2441
Office Hours – Tues. & Thurs.
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
(Reconciliation 30 minutes
before Mass or by appointment)
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel – President
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

FINANCE COUNCIL

Terry Kovar
Barb Bruggeman
Joanna Marry

Council meetings are generally held the 3rd Thursdays of the month
5:45 p.m. – Finance
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

OUR LADY OF MERCY WEBSITE (bulletin online)

Stpeterarchbold.com/
our-lady-of-mercy

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday by noon**. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made *six* months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office.

Email: olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Privacy issues for Parish Office:

IMMEDIATE FAMILY - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

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ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAYS AT 8 A.M.

OCTOBER COUNT

Ushers, please take count of all peoples at Mass for the month of October. The count sheet is on the podium in the back.

FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)

Class after Mass October 26, 2025.

BFF'S

BFF's today after Mass.

If your family would like to provide donuts and/or beverages for Nov. 2, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 8, or May 3 please sign up on the form on the cry room door.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND RIGHT FOR LIFE

Our Lady of Mercy will be praying the Rosary for the Right for Life on Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL

Thank you to all who helped and/or provided desserts to the Community meal. All left with full belly's.

FEAST DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a short follow up meeting of the Feast Day Celebration Committee today, during the BFF.

ORDINARY LIVES EXTRAORDINARY MISSION – ST. PETER

John Wood, nationally known author and speaker, will be the presenter at the parish mission on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22 at ST. PETER beginning at 7:00 pm. Mr. Wood will speak about our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this parish mission.

NEW PROCLAIMER WORKBOOKS

Proclaimers, please pick up your 2026 workbook on the table in the back by the Baptismal font.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

ORDINARY LIVES

EXTRAORDINARY MISSION

October 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Topic - Eucharistic Revival:

Renewing the church by igniting our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist – Flyer on the back tables (OLOM)

NOVEMBER 1, 2025

First Saturday 8:30 a.m. Rosary & Mass

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Oct. 19	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontious Giovanni Stella
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Muriel Pennington Cathy Wagner Carolyn Bigger
Mon., Oct. 20	NO MASS		
Tues., Oct. 21	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Wed., Oct. 22	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Thurs., Oct. 23	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
Fri., Oct. 24	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Sat., Oct. 25	4:30 p.m.	SP	Betty Zimmerman
Sun., Oct. 26	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Al Holland Gina Damman

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor
Denise Miller

33 Days Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary
Right to Life

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com before noon on Tuesday.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – OCTOBER 26, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Mike Maginn family
Proclaimer	Mary Bird
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Ron & Pat Eisel
Money Counters	Eli Eberly / Michelle Miron / Phil Baker

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 12 2025

Sunday Offertory (14 envelopes)	\$ 691.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 357.00
BUDGET	<u>\$ 1,747.00</u>
Over / (Under)	(\$ 699.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

Maintenance	\$ 5.00
St. Vincent de Paul	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,058.00
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of October 19 – October 25

St. Isaac Jogues (1607–1646) was born in France to a middle-class family, and at the age of 17 entered a Jesuit seminary where he displayed a talent for writing and teaching. He was ordained in January of 1636 at the age of 29, and three months later was sent as a missionary priest to the rugged wilderness of New France (now Canada) to work among the Huron and Algonquin Native American tribes. Despite the hardship of life in the wilderness, Isaac experienced great spiritual joy in his mission. One day, six years into his work, he was captured by a Mohawk-Iroquois war party. He was enslaved and ritually tortured, in addition to being malnourished and inadequately clothed. His hands were severely mutilated and many of his fingers destroyed, which prevented his ability to say Mass. He continued to preach the faith and was named Ondessonk, "the indomitable one," by his Mohawk captors. After over a year in captivity he escaped with the help of Dutch settlers. He went back to France where he was honored as a "living martyr." He obtained special permission from the pope to say Mass with his mutilated hands. Instead of continuing his life in peace, St. Isaac was zealous to return to his mission field. He returned to New France, and by that time a peace treaty was arranged between the warring native tribes allowing him to work among the Mohawks. However, when they suffered a crisis of crop failure and epidemic disease, the Mohawks blamed the Christians for sorcery and attacked the settlers. St. Isaac Jogues died after being tomahawked in the head, and his body was thrown into the Mohawk River. He is the patron of the Americas and Canada. Isaac Jogues earned the name "Apostle of the Mohawks" for his work. New York state's first Catholic baptismal record was due to his priestly ministry. He and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. His feast day is October 19th.

St. Paul of the Cross (1694–1775) was born near Turin, Italy, the second of sixteen children—only six of whom survived infancy. His devout parents ensured his strong religious upbringing. In his childhood Paul went to daily Mass, spent much time before the Blessed Sacrament, and attended to his studies. He taught catechism in the local churches before experiencing a deep religious conversion at the age of 19 through the writings of St. Francis de Sales. After a brief stint as a soldier and declining an offer for a good marriage, at the age of 26 he learned through prayer that God was calling him to found a new religious order which came to be known as the Congregation of the Passion, or the Passionists. He was instructed in a vision as to what the new habit of his order should look like: a black tunic bearing a heart surmounted by a white cross, with the words "Passion of Jesus Christ" written inside the heart. To the religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience he added a fourth: to spread devotion to Christ's Passion among the faithful. His mission was to ignite a love for Jesus in the hearts of the faithful at a time when many saw Him only as a great moral teacher. St. Paul of the Cross was one of the most powerful preachers of his day, as well as a mystic, and he was known to bring even the most hardened sinners to tears. He also took special care of the sick, poor, and suffering. His feast day is October 20th.

St. Ursula (4th c.) was a pious Christian princess from Britain, perhaps Wales. According to the 13th century Golden Legend she set sail and embarked on a pilgrimage to Rome with a large court of handmaids prior to settling in what is today western France, where she was to be joined in marriage to a local governor. Along her pilgrimage route she attracted many followers who were influenced by her holy example. On the return journey St. Ursula and her traveling maidens fell into the hands of the Huns, violent nomads from the East, who had invaded large swaths of Europe. St. Ursula and her company of virgins and other followers, which numbered 11,000, were tortured in an effort to have them renounce their faith. Steadfastly refusing, they were massacred in Cologne, Germany and buried together in a mass grave over which was built the Basilica of St. Ursula. Due to the varying accounts of her martyrdom and the difficulty of separating fact from legend, her feast day was suppressed in modern times. St. Ursula is the patroness of the Ursulines, a female religious order founded in 1535 by St. Angela Merici for the education of young girls. St. Ursula is also the patron of students, teachers, Catholic education, and of a holy death. Her feast day is October 21st.

Pope St. John Paul II (1920–2005) was born in Poland and was a vibrant, athletic, and intelligent child. His deeply religious father played an important role in his spiritual formation after his mother's death when he was 8 years old. He studied literature, poetry, and theater before his studies were interrupted by the Nazi invasion of Poland in 1939. He answered the call to the priesthood, and after entering a clandestine seminary was ordained in 1946. He completed his doctoral studies in Rome and returned to Poland where he ministered in a special way to young people. He was ordained a bishop in 1958 and attended the Second Vatican Council in 1962. He is well known for his leadership in encouraging a spiritual and cultural resistance to the Communist occupation of Poland. He was elected Supreme Pontiff in 1978, the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years, and had the second-longest pontificate in history. He was a remarkable theologian and philosopher and a guardian of orthodoxy. During his time as Holy Father he gave a multitude of important contributions to the Church including his teaching on the Theology of the Body, his emphasis on the Universal Call to Holiness, and his strong devotion to the Virgin Mary. He is also known as the "Pope of the Family." During his pontificate he beatified 1338 people and canonized 482 saints. He also visited 129 countries, making him one of the most well-traveled world leaders in history. He was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. His feast day is October 22nd.

St. John of Capistrano (1385-1456) was born in Capistrano, Italy. After the death of his father, his mother sent him to study law in Perugia where he rose to prominence. He achieved great success as a lawyer and was appointed governor of Perugia. He was an upright leader who refused bribes and corruption. While attempting to negotiate a peace treaty he was imprisoned, which gave him opportunity to assess the direction of his life and the state of his soul. After having a vision of St. Francis of Assisi, John left the world and entered religious life as a Franciscan friar. He was taught theology by St. Bernardine of Siena, and together the two worked to reform the Franciscan order. St. John traveled throughout Italy preaching for the salvation of souls, combating the heresies of his day, and winning many souls away from schism and heresy. Merchants would suspend their business as great crowds gathered to hear him preach in the public squares. He was also known as a healer, and many of the sick were brought to him to be cured. St. John was frequently used as an ambassador by the Holy See which allowed him to preach across the Holy Roman Empire, earning him the name "Apostle of Europe." He also preached a crusade against the Muslim Turks for the emancipation of Hungary. He was present at the Battle of Belgrade and led the charge of the Christian army under a banner monogrammed with the Holy Name of Jesus, to which he had a great devotion, urging the crusaders to invoke the name of Jesus for success in battle. The victory of the Christian army was attributed to his efforts. St. John of Capistrano is the patron of judges, military chaplains, lawyers, and jurists. His feast day is October 23rd.

St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807–1870) was born in Spain, the fifth of eleven children, the same year Napoleon invaded the country. He took up his father's trade of weaving before entering the priesthood. He served as a parish priest with a missionary's zeal for the salvation of souls. He often preached multiple sermons in a single day, traveled to preach parish missions and retreats for the clergy, and heard confessions for hours on end. His labors were rewarded by many people returning to a fervent practice of the Catholic faith, especially as a result of his meek and gentle manner. He was made Archbishop of Santiago and sent to Cuba from 1849-1857. His great reforms of the neglected diocese, both ecclesiastically and socially, were so sweeping and effective that his life was threatened. He was recalled back to Spain as confessor to the queen, where his tireless and fruitful priestly work continued. To increase his apostolic efforts he founded the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, known today as the Claretians. He also founded a major Catholic publisher in Spain, and wrote or published hundreds of books. He was so opposed in his efforts that he was severely persecuted and eventually exiled to Paris, along with the Spanish queen, by revolutionary enemies of religion. He took part in the First Vatican Council, his wisdom and sanctity being evident to all, before suffering a stroke and dying in exile in France. During his life St. Anthony Marie Claret had the gift of prophesy and reading of consciences, in addition to performing many miracles. A resplendent light was also observed to shine from his face as he offered the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. His feast day is October 24th.

Sts. Crispin and Crispinian (d. 286 A.D.) were brothers, believed to be twins, from a noble Roman family. They were Christians and went as missionaries into Gaul (present-day France). Taking the Apostle St. Paul as their example, they earned their living through a trade, dividing their time between ministry and work. Their craft was shoe-making, and because they asked little pay for their shoes they were loved and esteemed by all. Crispin and Crispinian used their work as an opportunity to share the Christian faith with the pagans they encountered, and many were converted through their witness. During the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian they were denounced as Christians and brought before the co-emperor, Maximianus Herculius. The emperor tried to persuade them to abandon their faith with promises and threats, but to no effect. The brothers were then given over to the governor who was notorious for his cruelty. They were stretched on the rack, their flesh was cut, and awls were driven under their fingernails. They were then thrown into a river with a millstone tied to their necks, but they both miraculously survived and swam back to shore. They were caught and finally beheaded. Crispin and Crispinian are the patron saints of shoemakers, saddlers, and tanners. Their feast, known as St. Crispin's Day, is October 25th.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

By Jane Tufant Harvey

“Ask Her...to give you the grace and fortitude to forgive someone who isn’t sorry.”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 4

1233

O Sacred Host, fountain of divine sweetness,

You give strength to my soul;

O You are the Omnipotent One,

who took flesh of the Virgin,

You come to my heart, in secret,

Beyond reach of the groping senses.

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.

Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>

May 24, 1984 - “Dear children! I have told you already that I have chosen you in a special way, just the way you are. I, the Mother, love you all. And in any moment that is difficult for you, do not be afraid! Because I love you even then when you are far from me and my Son. Please do not let my heart weep with tears of blood because of the souls who are lost in sin. Therefore, dear children, pray, pray, pray! Thank you for having responded to my call.”

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---October – 7 p.m. Thursday’s
Rosary

---Faith Formation after Mass
Oct. 26, Nov. 9, & Nov. 23

---Oct. 19 – BFF after Mass
“BIG” breakfast

---Oct. 22 –7 p.m. St. Peter –
Mission with John Wood

---Nov. 2 & Nov. 16 – BFF
Donuts & beverages after Mass

---Nov. 30 – BFF after Mass
“BIG” breakfast

Word(s) of the week (from the
America College Dictionary)

PERSISTENT – lasting or
enduring

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the
necessity for them to pray always without
becoming weary.

Luke 18:1

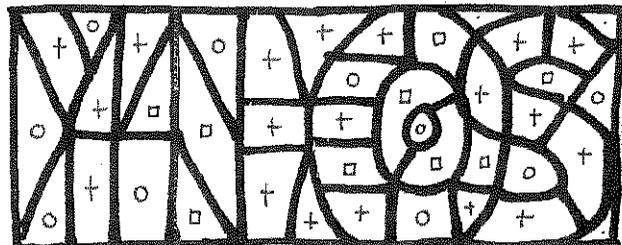
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Luke 18:1-8

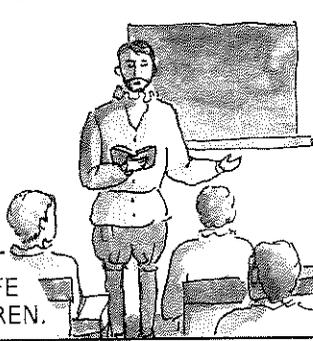
Did the unjust judge in today's parable
finally help the widow?
Only fill in the spaces with + 's to find out!



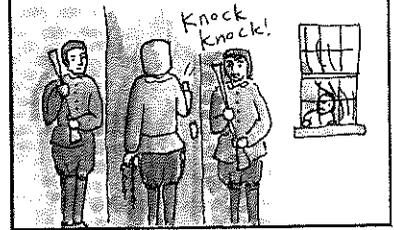
Saint Richard Gwyn

October 25

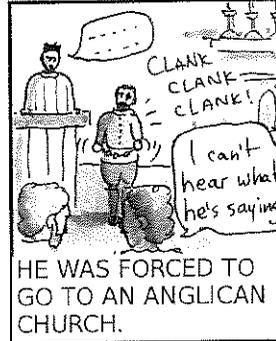
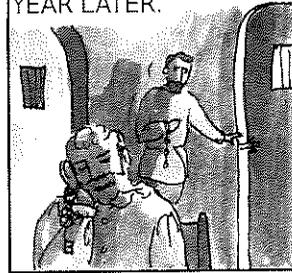
RICHARD GWYN WAS BORN IN WALES IN 1547. HE WAS RAISED ANGLICAN, BUT CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM. HE STARTED A SCHOOL AND GOT MARRIED. HE AND HIS WIFE HAD SIX CHILDREN.



AT THAT TIME THE QUEEN WAS TRYING TO GET RID OF CATHOLICS. RICHARD WAS FOUND AND ARRESTED.

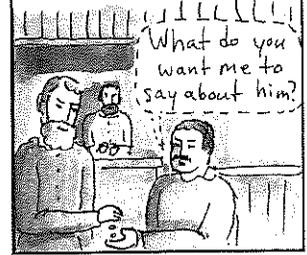


ONCE HE ESCAPED BUT HE WAS CAUGHT A YEAR LATER.

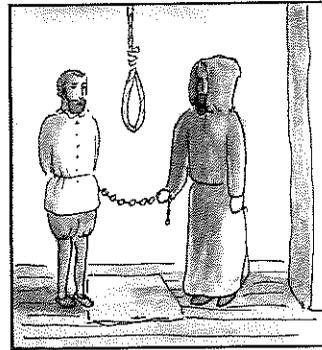
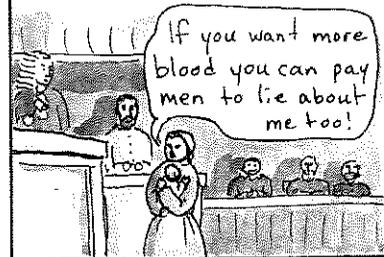


HE WAS FORCED TO GO TO AN ANGLICAN CHURCH.

MEN WERE PAID TO LIE ABOUT RICHARD AT HIS TRIAL.



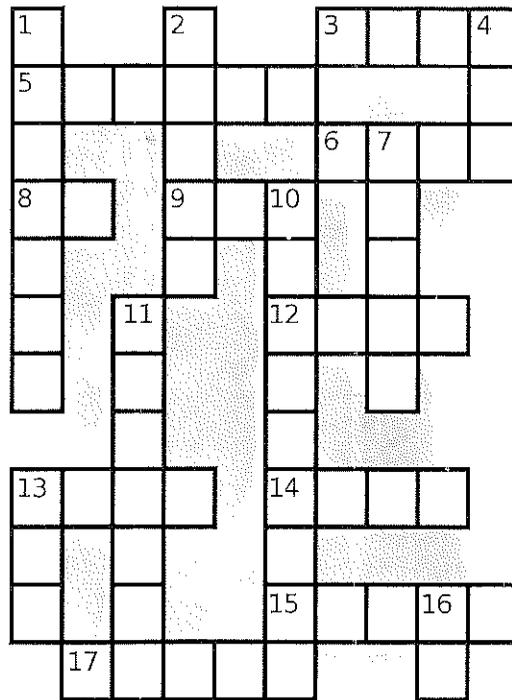
THEY TRIED TO MAKE HIM GIVE UP HIS FAITH BY BRINGING HIS WIFE AND BABY TO COURT.



RICHARD WROTE MANY RELIGIOUS POEMS WHILE HE WAS IN PRISON. AFTER FOUR YEARS HE WAS KILLED FOR HIS FAITH, AT THE AGE OF 46.

SAINT RICHARD WAS THE FIRST WELSH MARTYR IN THE REFORMATION. HE WAS CANONIZED BY POPE PAUL VI IN 1970. HE IS AN EXAMPLE TO US FOR KEEPING THE FAITH IN SPITE OF GREAT PERSECUTION. PEOPLE TODAY ARE STILL DYING FOR THE FAITH. CAN YOU PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE THEM STRENGTH TOO?

the parable of the unjust judge



*Here's a puzzle
about the story in
today's Gospel
reading.*



Across:

3. Jesus _____, "There was a judge..."
5. The judge was _____. (not fair)
6. The judge wanted the widow to go _____.
8. We should pray ____ God.
9. Who will always listen when we pray?
12. The judge was _____ to listen; God is fast.
13. The unjust judge did not _____ God.
14. What we do when we are talking to God.
15. The widow needed help against her _____.
17. Who told the story about the widow and judge?

Down:

1. Fairness.
2. What sort of person did the widow ask for help?
4. We pray to God _____ and night.
7. The parable is about a _____ and a judge.
10. Who did Jesus tell the story to?
11. Another name for the stories Jesus told.
13. God will do what is good _____ us.
16. The judge thought, "She will wear _____ out."



Never Give Up!

Have you ever felt like giving up on praying because it seemed like God wasn't listening?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples a parable about a widow who kept bothering a bad judge to help her. Finally he did what she asked so that she would stop bothering him. Jesus said that if someone like that will do what a person asks, God will certainly listen to everything we ask him.



But does God always do what we ask when we ask Him to? God always hears what we say to Him, but He has a few ways of answering our prayers. Sometimes He gives us what we ask for right away, but sometimes He lets us wait a while before we get it. And sometimes He doesn't give us what we are asking for because He has a better plan for us.



So always persevere when you're praying for something. God hears you and you can trust Him to do what is the very best for you!

Never give up!

Cross-word answers: Across: 3. said 5. unjust 6. away
8 to 9. God 12. slow 13. fear 14. pray 15. enemy
17. Jesus. Down: 1. justice 2. judge 4. day 7. widow
10. disciples 11. parable 13. for 16. me