

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE SEED SOWN ON RICH SOIL

is the one who hears the
word of the kingdom
and understands it,
who indeed bears fruit
and yields a hundred
or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23

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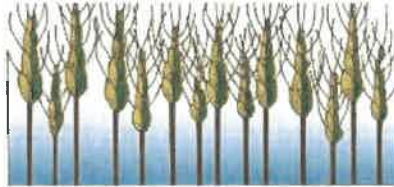


July 12, 2020

Here in the middle of summer, many people grow vegetable and flower gardens, or appreciate the work of others by buying produce from roadside stands and farmer's markets. All our readings today embrace one of God's smallest but most common miracles as a metaphor: the seed and its cycle, and all that it stands for. Isaiah reminds us that just as God waters the earth and cares for it so

that seeds may grow, so the Word of God will come and not return to God until it has borne fruit. Psalm 65 describes the cycle of growth and personifies fields that "shout for joy." Romans has "creation groaning in labor pains" as it waits for its seed to come to fruition, redemption of the body. Similarly, Jesus teaches the crowds by using the parable of the sower and the seed.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**
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**FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
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JULY 12, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11, 2020 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, July 12, 2020 – 9:00 am

+Jeanne Kuzmicz req. by Linda Cakora

Monday, July 13, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

6:00pm – 7:00pm ADORATION

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

Thursday, July 16, 2020 - 9:00 am

+Stella Ulman req. by the family

Friday, July 17, 2020 - 9:00 am

NO MASS

Saturday, July 18 – 5:45pm

+Loretta Tulley req. by Bill & Georgia Phelan

Sunday, July 19, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020 – 5:45pm	SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020 – 9:00am
USHER/GREATER: Mike & Katie Horath	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Cathy Gesell
LECTOR: Sue Nugent	LECTOR: Grace Niemiec
	COUNTERS: Boyle, Kotesa

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is
\$2,090.37

Sunday, June 28.....\$1,621.50

Thank you for your support of our Parish

St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



***Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,632.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 9,237.00

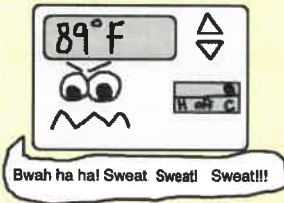
Thank you for your generous response.



REGISTRATION PACKETS FOR THE
2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
HAVE BEEN E-MAILED TO
OUR CURRENT FAMILIES
IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH
OR HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR PACKETS
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AND
MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESS
REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH
OFFICE BY AUGUST 1, 2020
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A TEACHER
PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANK YOU

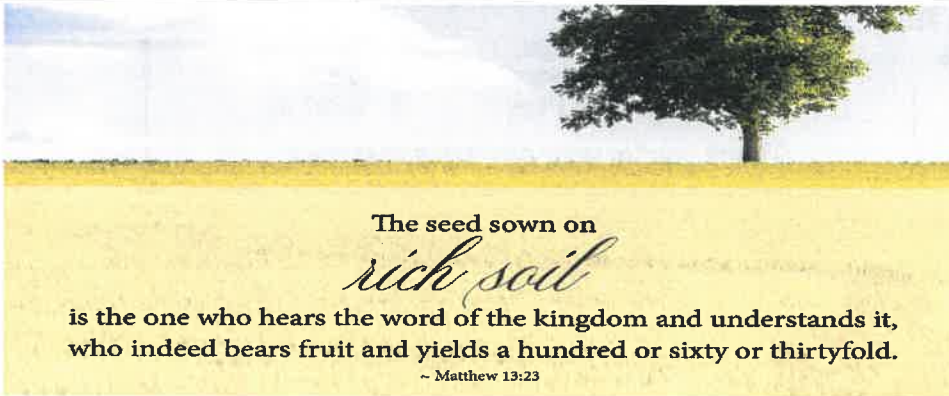


Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
A special intention for
MARY JANE HOEHN
Req. by
The Hoehn Family



We need your help. Our church is cooled with two air conditioning units (one on the East Side and one on the West). Last weekend the unit on the West side went out, the date on the inside of the unit side was from 1991. It has been replaced and working nicely. However, our Maintenance fund has been depleted. Last year the boiler in the rectory needed to be replaced, one of the dehumidifiers in the church hall needing

to be replaced, and a large tree in the West parking lot had to be removed. This year, with the pandemic, our collections have been keeping us afloat with our normal responsibilities, but not much for extraordinary expenses. We are not alone and realize everyone is struggling at this time, your generosity in helping us cover the cost of this expense would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.



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MASS ETIQUETTE

Remember that entering the house of God is a sacred place and the Scriptures instructs us to show proper reverence to God, specifically in the way that we dress and the way we act. We should attire ourselves appropriately at Mass to show God that we consider his liturgy as the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Being modest is part of obeying the law of Chastity because how we dress reveals our standards. The way you dress is a reflection of what you are on the inside and influences the way you and others act. Ask yourself, "Would I feel comfortable with my appearance in the presence of the Lord?" Dressing modestly not only shows our faith in the Lord, but shows our gratitude and respect for our bodies, which are gifts from God. Men remember to remove your hats, women may wear chapel veils. Gum chewing is not permitted and it does break the fasting rule before communion. Also remember that the use of electronics during Mass is unacceptable, so please turn off all electronics and cell phones. Finally during this difficult time of stricter rules and regulations because of the pandemic, be kind to those working so hard to keep the doors open. They are following the guidelines set down by the diocese so we all can participate in celebrating the Mass. None of us like these rules, but we must follow them for our safety and the safety of those around us.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME
EVERYONE BACK TO
ST. PATRICK CHURCH**

**REGULAR SCHEDULE IS:
SATURDAY 5:45PM – MASS
SUNDAY 9:00AM – MASS
TUESDAY 6:00pm TO 7:00pm**

RECONCILIATION AND ADORATION

Currently, adoration is limited to only 10 attendees at one time.

THURSDAY 9:00AM – MASS

You must register at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054FAEAE2FA3F58-stpatricks>

Entrance into the Church will only be through the east side door.

Our leadership team has prepared the church so that it is safe for our time of worship.

The following guidelines are recommended by our Diocese and the CDC.

1. Face covering is required.
2. Social distancing will be maintained. Households may sit together.
3. The Church has been disinfected and will be disinfected after every mass/ rite or event
4. Arrive 10-15 minutes earlier as there is a check-in process
5. If you have been exposed to someone that tested positive to COVID self-quarantine and don't attend. If you have flu-like symptoms, please respect the health and safety of other attendees and stay home to get well. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Saturday/Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is extended until further notice.
6. Please follow the guidance of the ushers/greeters through the check-in, seating and exiting process.

If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an email. We need ushers, greeters and cleaners for each service.

Also, the weekend and daily Masses will be available for you to attend on St. Patrick's website and Facebook page.

Thank You and may God Bless You. Fr. Sebastian



28TH ANNUAL

WILL COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

*Preparing students from low-income households
in Will County for a successful new school year!*

**THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 2020
10:00AM - 5:00PM
JOLIET CATHOLIC ACADEMY
1200 N. LARKIN AVENUE, JOLIET**

PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT EVENT CHANGES:

- Participants will drive thru to receive school supplies (to comply with social distancing).
- Online pre-registration is required at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Registrants will receive a ticket and a specific time to attend the Fair.

illinicare health. Thank you to Illinicare Health for generously donating school supplies.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Steve Niemiec;

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JULY

- We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

Senior Assistance will be open July 16 by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Calls will be returned to messages left at 708-258-6917.

LIVE TODAY

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God. – Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 12, 2020



- Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-21; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Henry
- Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- Wednesday: St. Bonaventure
- Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

GOD WITHIN

In everything, be it a thing sensed or a thing known, God is hidden within.
–St. Bonaventure



GROWTH REQUIRES PATIENCE

Every child in school has experienced the excitement of growing a simple bean seed planted in a paper cup or watched a time lapse video of the growth process. We watch this miracle sprout in a matter of days, and marvel at the whole process. A seed must be planted and die to itself in order to create a new life. Then it must be fertilized and watered and cared for. But most importantly, one must be patient and wait. Seeds take a certain amount of time to develop and may require being dormant for a while. Similarly, a human baby takes nine months to grow from the time the seed is fertilized.

But no matter what we do, and how well we do it, not all seeds will yield fruit. Sometimes the conditions are just not right to allow it. Not all pregnancies go full term. Farmers know the pain of a drought year, or storms that ruin a crop before it can be harvested. Diseases and blight and other things can take hold.

SOME WILL BE LOST

Growing up in the Western states, beautiful fields of wheat and beans were a common sight for me, but I did not fully understand this parable until going to the Holy Land and seeing the rocky ground that Jesus spoke of. This was an “aha” moment, as I witnessed what a miracle it was when something had the strength and tenacity to grow among the crags despite the arid conditions. What a sign of faith and trust and hope even to plant crops there, knowing that some would be lost! It would seem easier to write them all off, or even less work not to plant them at all.

Jesus could do that to us, but he has not. He has faith and trust that a number of the seeds planted in us will bear great fruit. They will not wither and fade away, but will produce fruit, a hundred-, or sixty- or thirty-fold. And his faith in us gives us hope.

Today's Readings: Is 55:10–11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12–13, 14; Rom 8:18–23; Mt 13:1–23 [1–9]

7/12/2020