

Jesus said,
"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field."

MATTHEW 13:24



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 19
2020

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A God who judges with leniency and clemency, a Spirit groaning because we know not how to pray, a patient master waiting to separate wheat and weeds, a tiny seed growing into a great bush, and the miracle of yeast and flour! All of these images found in our readings today speak of the unexpected, the countercultural, and of the compassion and intimacy of our relationship with God. Many

times we are afraid to come to God in prayer, or we may turn away from our God because of our weakness and sinfulness. We are not presented with a vengeful God who is waiting to smite us, but a God of infinite love and wisdom and patience who will show us the way. What an amazing gift this is!

**SAINT PATRICK
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**SIXTEENTH
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Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18, 2020 – 5:45pm

+Loretta Tulley req. by Bill & Georgia Phelan

Sunday, July 19, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, July 20, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

6:00pm – 7:00pm ADORATION

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 – 9:00 am

NO MASS

Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 9:00 am

Grace Niemiec, Special Intention

Friday, July 24, 2020 - 9:00 am

NO MASS

Saturday, July 25 – 5:45pm

+Loretta Tulley req. by Jay & Katrina Plese

Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020 – 5:45pm	SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020 – 9:00am
USHER/GREATER: Roberta Stauffenberg	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Tricia Knowles
LECTOR: Jerry Kinsella	LECTOR: Lisa Price
	COUNTERS: Horath

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday, July 5.....\$2,304.00

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



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

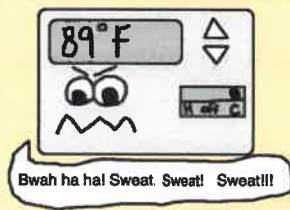
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A TEACHER
PLEASE LET US KNOW. THANK YOU



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

Prayers needed: Fr. Jim Lennon was diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. Fr. Jim, is asking for you to please keep him in your prayers. Please respect Fr. Jim's privacy during this time.

Cards can be sent to : Fr. James Lennon
100 N. Scott St.
Joliet, Illinois. 60432



We need your help. Our church is cooled with two air conditioning units (one on the East Side and one on the West). 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 re-

placed, 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.



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 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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday: St. James

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
July 19, 2020**



Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

Growing Together.

We live in the time between Jesus' ascension and his second coming. In this kingdom of heaven that is begun but not yet complete, the bad and the good (seed) grow up together. How do we put up with this reality? The answer is in the Romans reading: grace, divine activity, life in God.

- How will I trust grace this day?
- How will I let some small act (some small seed) nurture and grow to benefit others?
- How will I grow strong and not be smothered by enemy's weeds?



WE NEED TO GROW

We live in an instant world of microwaves and drive-throughs and a disposable society in which things quickly become obsolete, so today's message is very strange. In all the readings today, and especially in the Gospel, we see transformation, but it is not something that happens overnight, nor does it take place without effort. We are met with parables of a patient and loving God who can see a positive outcome at the end and is willing to wait and nourish us and

help us all get there. The sower's seeds require a growth period and some careful sorting. To make the bread, one must knead it and wait patiently. In planting a mustard seed, something so tiny yields great results, but not until after completing a period of dormancy and waiting.

WHAT IS OUR LEAVEN?

In our own growth, something usually spurs us on and calls us to change. For a young couple who find out they are expecting, this may be the impetus to "grow up" and straighten out their spending habits. For another, perhaps a heart attack or prolonged illness calls one to wake up and gives one a second chance at life. Losing a job or a spouse or surviving a car accident may mean it is time for a "do-over." Isn't it amazing to realize that we are blessed with a tender, loving God who will walk through all these changes in our lives, who is cajoling us into a better self? Here is a God who doesn't pull the plug because of our sins, but is willing to wait and sort and "gather the wheat." Let us be grateful for this gift of loving mercy. Recall the simple prayer found in Psalm 86:15-16: "You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, / slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity. / Turn toward me, and have pity on me; / give your strength to your servant."

Today's Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

7/19/2020