

July 23 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOD GETS TO JUDGE, NOT US

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Let wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society. The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field, society, even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands. — Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

† *The kingdom is open to all kinds of people, even the ones who seem like bad seeds.*

Merciful God, we are often quick to judge others and sometimes too lenient with ourselves. Please help us to see as you see and to do what Jesus would do. Amen.

~ The Redemptorists

SANCTUARY LIGHT

July 23 – Sherry Hawk
July 30 – Charles Walke
August 6 – Mark Eckstein

MASS INTENTIONS

July 22 – Walter and Annabelle Busch
July 23 – Sherry Hawk
July 29 – Charles Simon
July 30 – Dolores Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – July 29 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Allie Harmeyer
Lector: Tara Johannigman
Gifts: Mark and Rose Lunsford
EM: Judy Steuri (Hall), Terry Harmeyer, Janet Wagner

Sunday – July 30 at 10:00 AM

Server: Macy Kinker
Lectors: Julie Stephens, Donna Harlemert
Gifts: Mike and Katie Spreckelson
EM: Amanda Schutte (Bread), Dana Newhart (Hall)
Susan Schutte, Kevin Tunny

Saturday – August 5 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Dennis and Flo Wagner
EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Beth Simon, Janet Wagner

Sunday – August 6 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Grace Truesdell
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
EM: Vicki Wagner (Bread), Cindy Weisenbach (Hall)
Susan Schutte, Kevin Tunny

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2308.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 40.00
Loose Collection	\$ 500.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2848.00
Capital Improvement	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

"All too often, those most in need of our help, everywhere, are unable to be heard. You are their voice, and many of you... have faithfully made their cry heard. In this witness, which frequently encounters powerful resistance, you remind American democracy of the ideals for which it was founded, and that society is weakened whenever and wherever injustice prevails." ~ Pope Francis

THANK YOU – "We thank you for your generous donations totaling \$25,500.00 to the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, to go towards renovation of the Adoration Chapel. We are most grateful that your community has come together to honor the retirement of Sr. Shirley Gerth. May God abundantly bless you!" (Sr. Maureen Irvin)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – The Batesville Knights of Columbus will be hosting an initiation on July 24 starting at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in joining, please be at the clubroom at 6:00 PM for registration and bring \$25.00 for dues and initiation fees. If you have any questions, please contact Scot Harmeyer at 812-933-9046.

MEETING – Members of the Faith Formation Committee will meet this Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00 PM.

BLOOD DRIVE – **Community Blood Drive** in our Parish Hall on August 1 from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM, and 3:30 PM until 6:00 PM. Scheduling can be done online at www.hoxworth.org/groups/napoleon, or call Arlene at 812-614-3388.

CATECHISTS – A couple of high school religion teachers are needed in the fall when classes resume. Please prayerfully consider this service and ministry to the parish. Contact Joyce Muckerheide if interested.

NCYC – If anyone in Grades 8-12 is interested in attending NCYC in November, please let Joyce Muckerheide know. She needs to start obtaining chaperones if a group is going. Also, sign-up needs to be completed before the fall classes begin.

CHURCH PICTORIAL – You can schedule your photography appointment for the new church pictorial online through a link on the parish website. For scheduling help, call Arlene Gehl (812-614-3388), or see Terry Harmeyer or Mary Bultman. **Photography dates are August 3, 4, and 5, from 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM Thursday and Friday, and 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM on Saturday, each day in the Parish Center.** Every family photographed will receive a copy of the directory and an 8x10 portrait at no cost. We value your presence in our parish and hope you will take part!

MASS GREETERS

July 29, 4:00 PM – Gary Wagner, Brian Horan
July 30, 10:00 AM – George and Mary Bultman

HALL RENTED – The Parish Center is rented next Sunday, July 30, so there will be no Mass in the hall and no coffee and donuts on that day.

DAY OF PRAYER – You are invited to join the Office of Vocations for a day of prayer with St. John Vianney being held on August 4, 2023, at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1347 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Adoration will be held from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Mass will follow at 5:15 PM.

GROTTO CELEBRATION – St. Mary's of the Rock in St. Mary's, Franklin County, is planning a grand ceremony for the 100th anniversary of celebrating the Mass at the grotto. You will not want to miss this on August 15 at 7:00 PM. Mass will be held at the grotto, followed by a rosary-led procession into church. At this time, we will have benediction. 150 chairs will be provided. You are encouraged to bring lawn chairs if you are able to do so. Light snacks and a dessert will be provided under the shelter after benediction. Everyone in attendance is welcome to come.

THOUGHT TO PONDER – "I think the difference between me and some other people is that I am content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. If each one of us lights a candle, we've got a tremendous light." (Sr. Thea Bowman)




THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – Kids were asked questions on dating and marriage. Here were some of the answers, collected by George Goldtrap of Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL:

"Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough." – Lynette, age 8

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." – Martin, age 10

Asked if it is better to be single or married, Anita, age 9, answered: "It is better for girls to be single, but not for boys. Boys need somebody to clean up after them." – Anita, age 9 (The Joyful Noiseletter)

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For a Eucharistic Life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.</p>						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM Blood Pressure Checks
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM Blood Pressure Checks				FEAST OF SAINT MARIA GORETTI		Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM					Hall Rented	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM						Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM		FEAST OF SAINT JAMES	FEAST OF STS. JOACHIM & ANNE Faith Formation Committee Meeting 6:00 PM		FEAST OF SAINT MARTHA	Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM NO Coffee & Donuts		 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM		Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 2:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Pictorial Directory Appointments 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall