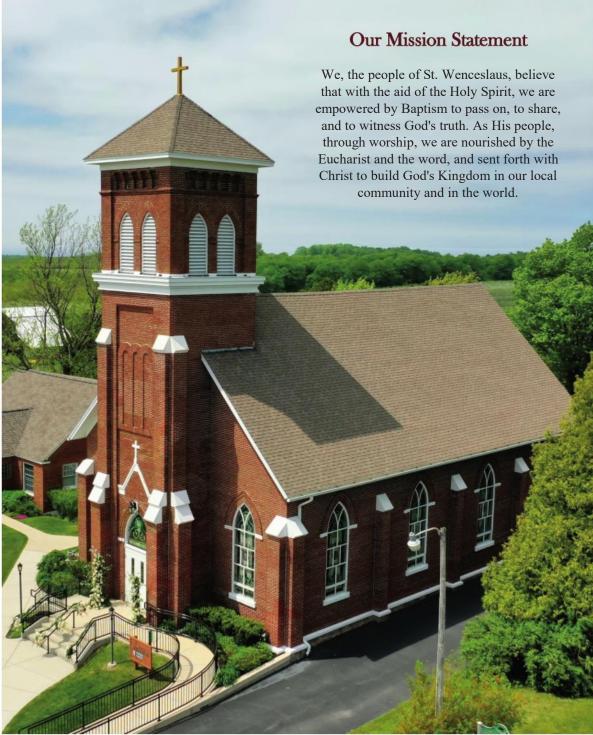


15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow."

Matthew 13:3



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If you are in need of a priest, please call Deacon Martin and he will try and find one for you.

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Anticipating Surgery?

Please call Deacon Martin to make arrangements to be anointed in sickness or prior to surgery.

Reconciliation

By appointment with Fr. Class, S.J. St. Mary LL on Fridays 8:30 a.m. and on Saturdays 3:30 — 4:30 p.m. St. Michael SB on Thursdays 9:00 a.m.

Eucharist for the Homebound

If you are homebound, recovering from surgery or illness and would like the Eucharist brought to your home, please call or email the Parish Office or call Deacon Martin.

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY JULY 22 & 23, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M. & 8:30 A.M.

SATURDAY MASS

READER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Rachel Plamondon Mary Leon & Lynn Dunn

SUNDAY MASS

READER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Harry Zoccoli Matt & Kim Prisk

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 15 — Sunday, July 23, 2023

Saturday, July 15 5:30 p.m.

For Bob Kalchik by Julius and Grace Kolarik

Sunday, July 16 8:30 a.m.

For Joseph Schneider by Jim Atkinson

Saturday, July 22 5:30 p.m.

For Jean Sedlacek by Martin and Phyllis Korson

Sunday, July 23 8:30 a.m.

For Linda Atkinson by Jim Atkinson

Dear fellow Parishioners,

Today we celebrate The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23, Jesus tells the parable about the sower going out to sow seed. Depending on where it fell determined how it grew and whether it produced fruit.

The seed symbolizes the Gospel, the Good News, the word of God, which is Christ Himself. The soil is the human hearts. Why do some believe and some disbelieve? Much of the reason is that some soil is rich and some poor: some well prepared and some not well prepared. If a culture or an individual is honest and open-minded and truth seeking, and if their hearts genuinely long for goodness, and are not seeking selfish, lustful, pride, and greed, then the seed will take root in those hearts and grow, sometimes a little and some times a lot. But the seeds of the Gospel do not take root and grow in a life or culture where the soil is like a hardened path. Or sallow soil where one lives by surface emotions rather than deeper understanding. Or in soil with too many thorns that choke it and give it no time for silence and prayer.

Nurturing our faith, the seed, takes time and effort. We must cultivate, water, protect, feed, weed, hang out with people of like belief, attend spiritual places, and pray, just to name a few. We must make a conscious effort daily, in order to strengthen our faith. We are either moving forward or backwards.

The good thing is, we don't do this alone. We have the church, the sacraments, and fellow Christians. Everyone we meet is either helping us or hindering us. They are sent to us for a purpose. Look at them as a gift from God to help us produce good fruit. We can produce good fruit if we are open minded, truth seeking, and genuinely longing for goodness. Then our hearts will be open to the Gospel, the good news, the word of God. Then we will be ready to produce good fruit. May we together produce a garden, a Kingdom, of good fruit.

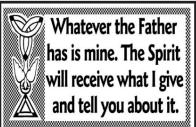
Your Servant in Christ, Deacon Martin

We are slowly adding to our CSA goal of \$16,081.00. We are 74% of the way. We still need your help. Give online at DioceseofGaylord.org/CSA23.

Confession Schedule: Please see left side panel.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF

JULY 16, 2023 Monday July 17 Matt 10:34-11 Tuesday Matt 11:20-24 July 18 Wednesday Matt 11:25-27 July 19 Thursday July 20 Matt 11:28-30 Friday July 21 Matt 12:1-8 Saturday July 22 John 20:1-2 Sunday July 23 Matt 13:24-43



We welcome our parishioners and guests. We are delighted that you are here to worship. We pray that you will find comfort, peace and welcoming here.

Recap meeting of Annual Dinner and Festival: Sunday, July 23, immediately after Mass, in the Parish Social Hall. Come share ideas for improvement. You are also asked to bring a job description of the job you had this summer. We are grateful for all the time each of the workers put into the dinner.

A number of glass gallon jars are missing from the Parish Hall. They are needed for the Cole slaw dressing and for the broth for the chicken dressing. If you have any and wish to donate them, contact Phyllis Korson or Linda Dunham.

Rachel Plamondon will be selling raffle tickets for the St. Mary Car Raffle after Masses. Tickets, limited to 2,500, are \$50 each. Take a chance on \$25,000 cash or a \$25,000 voucher for the car of your choice. Second, third and fourth prizes are \$1,000 each. Fifth and sixth prizes are \$500 each. Early bird drawing for \$500 is July 31. Get your tickets early.

Copies of *The Word Among Us* for July are available in the vestibule. Please take a copy to add to your prayer time.

Area Happenings

<u>July 30</u>: Holy Rosary Annual Summer Chicken Dinner & Festival Dinner. Raffle, Bingo Games, Prizes & More! Sunday, July 30th, Dinner served 11:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m., \$16.

<u>August 5</u>: Registration for the Ed & Irene Fleis Education **Fundraiser Golf Outing** at Sugar Loaf The Old Course in Cedar. \$125 each or \$500 per team.
www.fleiseducationfund.org, or call Jeanette Thurow at 231-578-5135.

<u>August 7-8</u>: Adrian Dominican Sisters special event to "Learn, Pray, Share, and Celebrate" as you learn more about vowed Dominican life or association with them. See the letter on the Church bulletin board for more information.

<u>August 11</u>: Garden Walk at Fr. Ken's house in Cedar. Polish Dinner at the Cedar Town Hall with reservations, 5 or 6:30 to raise funds for St. Phillip Neri, \$30 for walk and dinner, \$20 for walk and dessert. www.stphilipneriempire.

<u>August 13</u>: **St. Michael SB Pig Roast**. Come for a pleasant afternoon of comradery. Please bring a dish to pass. 3-6 p.m.

November 16-19, 2023: National Catholic Youth Conference, NCYC, is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. Indianapolis, Indiana. Invited: High School Youth, 9th-12th grade, Cost: \$627.56/person (includes bus transportation, motel, and admission to NCYC). Contact: Deacon Martin.

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JULY 2, 2023		
PARISHIONERS	\$2,2	235
CONTRIBUTORS	\$	911
FOOD PANTRY	\$	45
UTILITIES	\$	40
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$	40
CEMETERY	\$	60
JULY 9, 2023		
PARISHIONERS	\$ 9	915
CONTRIBUTORS	\$ 8	34
FOOD PANTRY	\$	55
UTILITIES	\$	40
OFFICE EXPENSES	\$	50
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Please Pray For:

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Parish, their families and caregivers.

(*NEW to Prayer List)

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