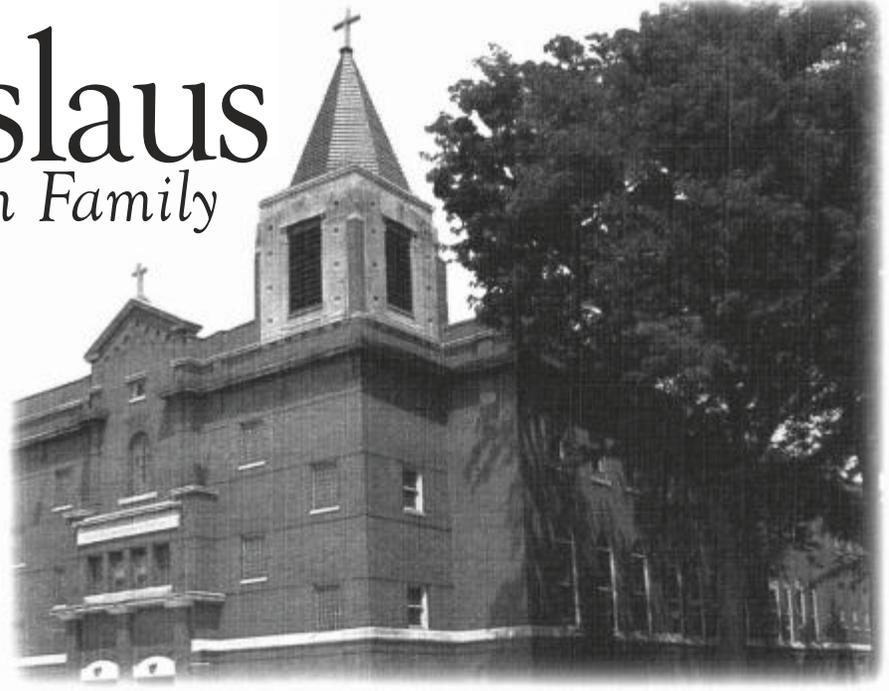


# St. Stanislaus

*Parish Family*

**July 11, 2021**  
**15th Sunday**  
**In Ordinary Time**

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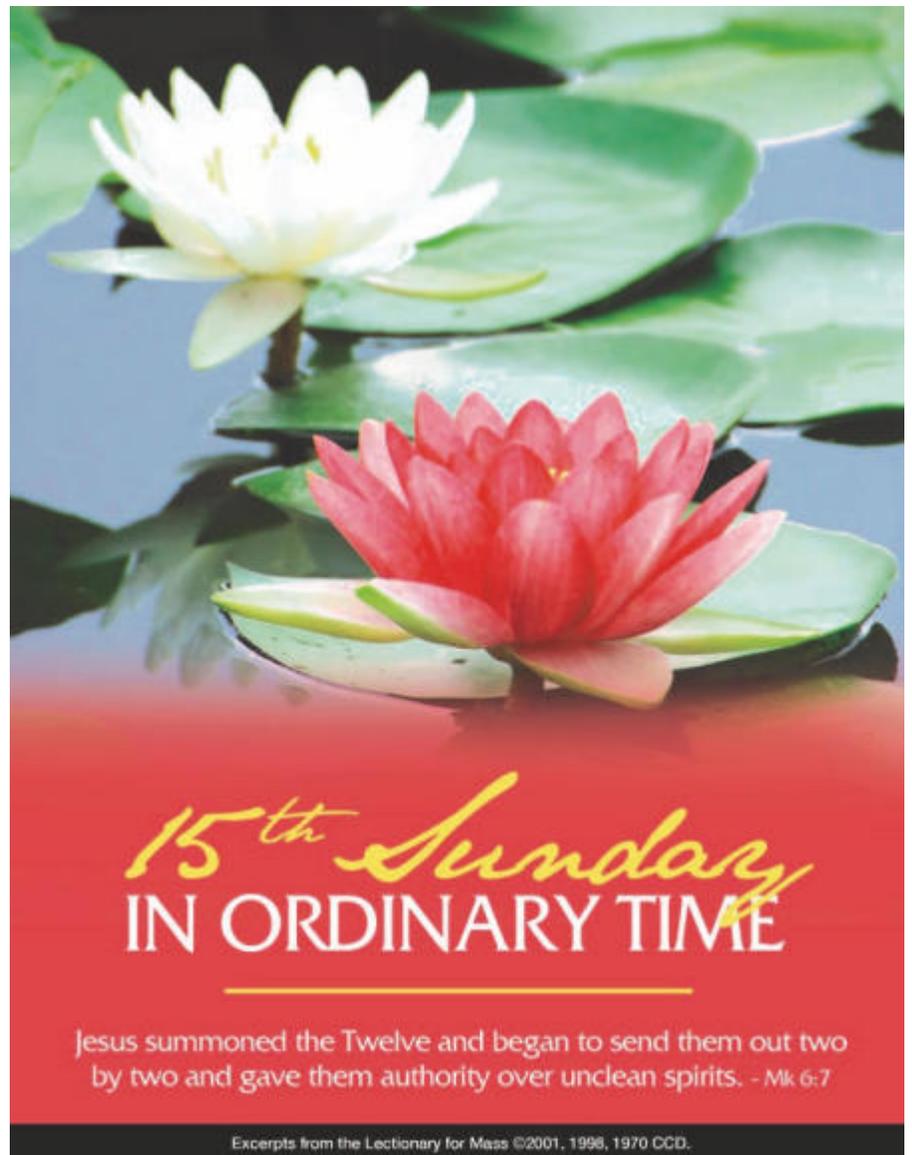
Sunday 8:30am

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

There are no weekday Masses or Word &  
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Confessions by appointment only.



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**IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two  
by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. - Mk 6:7

## Liturgical Notes for the Week

We celebrate the liturgy of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time on this Sunday July 11th. Today brings us to the midway point of summer as well as of the liturgical year. Most likely ads for school clothes and supplies will be in the day's paper as they have already filled the stores shelves and television screens. As we continue to move through the summer and autumn months of the liturgical year, Michael Novak author of the Liturgical Reflections and Parish Resources Editor, J.S. Paluch Company invites us from our half way milestone to consider where we've been in the past pandemic period and where we could be headed. In his articles, [Why We Gather](#) on the inside front cover and in the Introductory Paragraph to this day's scripture readings we see again and again in Mark's Gospel how Jesus calls into question the way things are customarily or habitually done. He invites his followers to delve more deeply into why they are done and the values that lie under every action. Just so, we who have lived through a pandemic and may be starting by now to assemble in larger groups again: we have been given an opportunity to reflect on our life of faith and what it means to be able to pray together at Mass. Many of us have gone without worshiping together for perhaps more than a year. Some may still be hesitant to gather indoors with a large group of people. Yet others have found a way to come to church regularly through most of the last year, but they have missed the presence of their sisters and brothers. What does all this mean for followers of Christ who have been commanded to "do this in memory of"? How do we draw strength from Jesus, the Bread of Life proclaimed in the Gospels on the Sundays of this August, when so many of our community have been unable to share in that Bread of Life for so long? For a refresher, we can return to the Gospel of John that we heard proclaimed on Holy Thursday, when Jesus washed his disciples' feet and then commanded them, "as I have done for you, you should also do." For John, this passage from the Last Supper reveals his understanding of the meaning of Eucharist: service to one another. At every Mass we hear the words, "Do this in memory of me." What do they mean? Surely they mean to repeat the actions of blessing and breaking the bread and sharing the blessed cup. But the "this" we are to do is bigger than that. It includes the commandment to serve others. During the time of the pandemic, following that command to serve others often meant that we had to suspend our gathering together in order to serve the greater good of contributing to the survival of our brothers and sisters. All of the Masses that we had celebrated together up to that point had to have given us the strength and resolve to serve each other and our neighbors by sacrificing the very gatherings that we hold so dear for the benefit of a common good. Now that we hope that the worst is past, we may be able to resume

our worship together, confident in God's grace to give us what we need in our lives of faith. For our gatherings around the Eucharistic table are not an end in themselves, but rather a means to strengthen us for our mission in the world.

Reminding us of that mission, Jesus takes a back seat to his disciples in today's Gospel. Indeed, he puts them on center stage, sending them out to perform their roles according to his detailed directions. Drive out demons, cure those who are ill, preach repentance. Take only a single tunic, a pair of sandals, and a walking stick — the things you need to walk from house to house or town to town. Don't preoccupy yourself with ordinary concerns like food, shelter, and supplies. Focus only on what is life-changing. Jesus, mind you, was not tired of doing it all himself. He realized that, being fully human, he could not preach, teach, and heal all by himself forever. He needed the disciples to do what they'd seen him do. This foreshadows the resurrected Jesus, who before ascending to the Father, commissioned his disciples to go to the ends of the earth preaching the gospel, baptizing, and making disciples. They could do it then because they had done it before. Similarly, God called prophets like Amos to speak God's word to the people. Later, Jesus called upon Saul/Paul to proclaim the risen Lord to all nations. Today we are the disciples Jesus commissions. Driven by the Spirit, who has done it before, we become the ones called to teach, to proclaim the gospel, to make new disciples. Let us pray for the grace to know How next we are called to serve?

A prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel to help us in our everyday lives.



### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast Day July 16th

O Mary, Virgin Mother, thou who, with special mercy, look upon those clothed in thy beloved habit, cast a glance of pity upon me.

Fortify my weakness with thy strength; enlighten the darkness of my mind with thy wisdom; increase my faith, hope and charity. Assist me during life, console me by thy presence at my death. And present me to the august Trinity as thy devoted child. That I may bless Jesus and thee for all eternity in paradise... Forevermore, Amen.

**"Whosoever dies in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire."**



### Scripture Reflection

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That's how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That's the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that's not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there's a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong. The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the "road less traveled." Imagine those first disciples going out and into people's homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God's kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are. The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God's vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence. If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That's a risk God asks us to take.



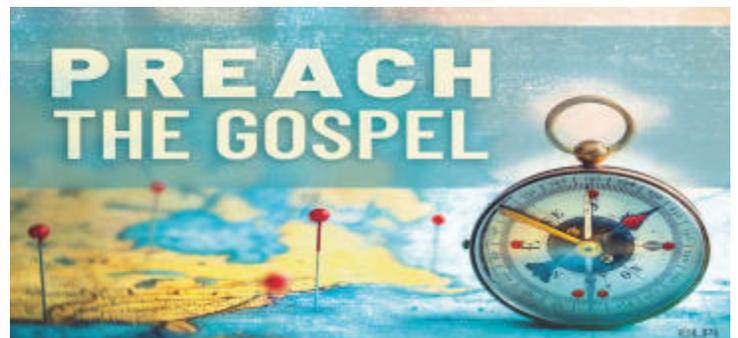
### Everyday Stewardship

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't. People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave. This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters. What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### Inspiration For The Week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.



JULY 11, 2021 •

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, July 12**

**Tuesday, July 13 - St. Henry**

**Wednesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

**Thursday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**Friday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**Saturday, July 17**

4:30pm †Luis Rodriguez int. Rodriguez & Delli Colli Families  
 †Julia A. Lelek int. Markovich Family

**Sunday, July 18 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am †Ted Lebryk int. Family  
 †Mary Radziwiecki - Birthday int. Son & daughter in-law  
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

### Quote from Pope Francis

We need to proclaim the Gospel on every street corner, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing, even with our preaching, every kind of disease and wound.



### Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

**Answer:** Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives. If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

### Question Of The Week

**First Reading:**

The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

**Second Reading:**

Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

**Gospel:**

During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?



# Community Events



St. Stanislaus School is re-opening its 3 & 4 year old pre-school program. Both full and half day classes are offered. This program lays the foundation for good academic and social skills. Children can be registered by calling the school at 219-398-1316 or by going on-line at [www.ststansec.org](http://www.ststansec.org). Don't delay, classes fill up fast.



If anyone is interested in helping the Food Bank of NWI's Mobile Market in the area of East Chicago, please contact Sarah Barnard at 219-980-1770 ext.316 for more information on how you can help. Or you can always find more information on their website at [www.foodbanknwi.org](http://www.foodbanknwi.org)



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Polka Party**  
This year the Festival of the Lakes will host a **POLKA PARTY**

on Sunday, **July 18, 2021.**

Musical entertainment will be provided by the E-Z Tones from 2-6pm at the Hammond Marina located at 701 Casino Center Drive in Hammond, Indiana. Drinks and authentic polish food from Cavalier Inn available for purchase. Free admission and parking. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. For more information you may call 219-659-7678 or at [festivalofthelakes.com](http://festivalofthelakes.com).



July 13, 2021 - July 18, 2021

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*During these uncertain times we recommend checking ahead to confirm the status and event hours of each event.*

## Movies in the Park

**Movie:** Tom & Jerry

**Date:** July 19, 2021

**Time:** 8:45pm

**Location:** Centennial Park

1005 S. Centennial Drive

Munster, In 46321



Bring your blankets and/or chairs and enjoy the movie under the stars. Concessions will be available for purchase. Come early to watch the sponsor of the event, Susan's School of Dance performances on the amphitheater stage.

Movie will begin at Dusk.

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Any questions contact:

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