

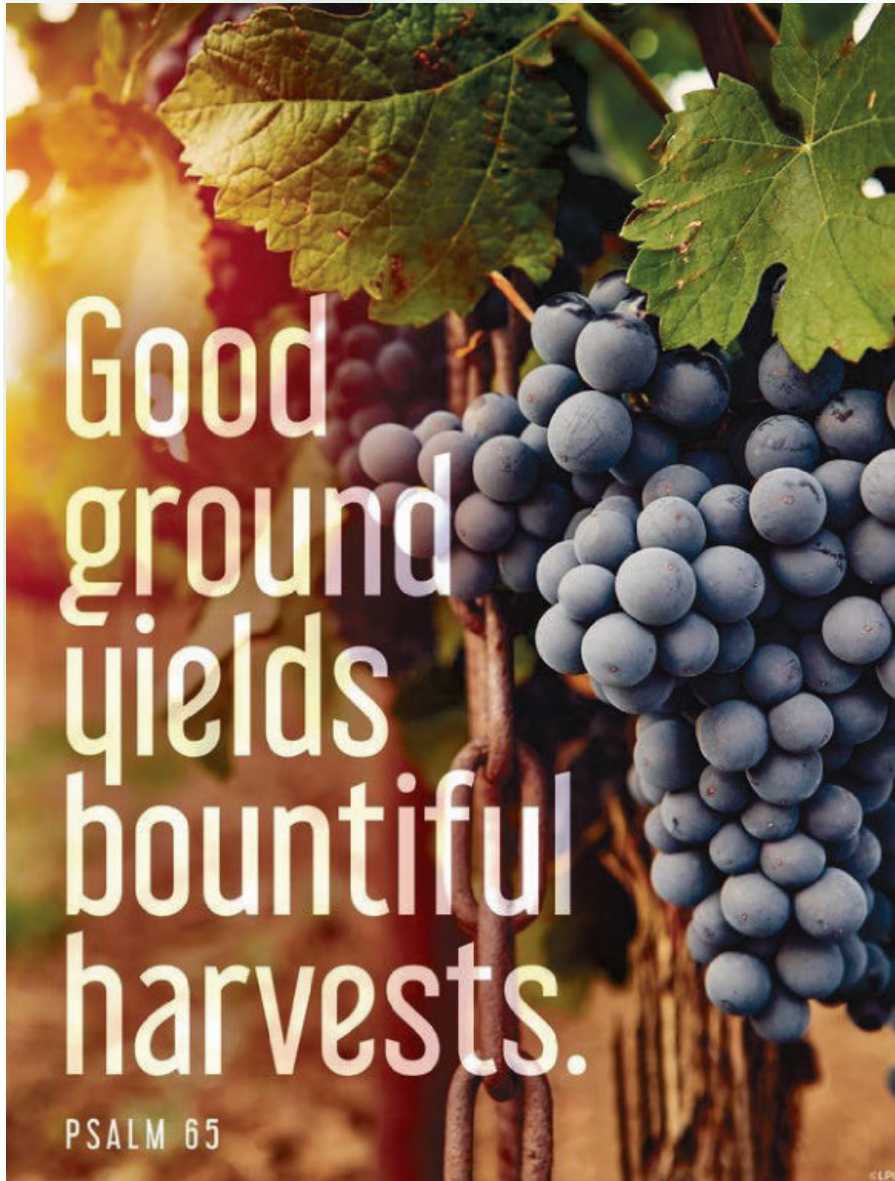
# Ss. Mary & Paul Parish

Mineral Point, Wisconsin



**JULY 16, 2023**

*Fifteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*



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## **Sacraments**

### **Baptism**

Saturdays after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

### **Marriages**

Contact Rectory at least one year prior to  
wedding.

### **Reconciliation**

4:30-4:50 p.m. every Tuesday; 4:00-4:30  
p.m. every Saturday



## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— *Father John Muir*

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah assured the Israelites who were exiled in Babylon that God's word is reliable and purposeful. How might you help friends or family trust more in God?

### Second Reading:

Paul sees creation itself sharing in the redemption and future glory that awaits all believers — "For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." What do you imagine earth would look like filled with God's glory, absent any "corruption?"

### Gospel:

Over the next few Sundays, we will be hearing many parables from Jesus. Today's parable of the sower and the seeds speaks to how people react differently to the Good News of the kingdom of heaven. How would you describe your reaction to Jesus's parables of the kingdom?

## Liturgies of the Week

### Saturday, July 15

5:00 pm † Francis & Helen Basting

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16

8:00 am † For Parishioners of Pastorate 5

### Monday, July 17

No Mass today

### Tuesday, July 18

No Adoration today

5:15 pm † Doris Schaaaf

### Wednesday, July 19

No Mass today

### Thursday, July 20

8:15 am † Homer & Catherine Lancaster  
& daughter Lorna

### Friday, July 21

No Mass today

### Saturday, July 22

5:00 pm † Clarence Pittz

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23

8:00 am † Larry Weitzel



### Healing Mass

On Tuesday, July 26 at 11:00 a.m., a Healing Mass for Pastorate 5 will be held at Ss. Anthony and Philip church in Highland. Lunch will follow.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Next weekend, July 22/23

#### Readers

5:00 pm Emily Heisner & Joe Gevelinger

8:00 am Karen Anderson (both roles)

#### Eucharistic Minister

5:00 pm Joe Gevelinger

8:00 am Karen Anderson

#### Servers

5:00 pm Lily & Rachel Heisner

8:00 am Regan & Faye Schuette

#### Ushers

5:00 pm Volunteers

8:00 am Volunteers

#### Greeters

5:00 pm Marcia Wagner

8:00 am Volunteer

#### Offertory

5:00 pm Volunteers

8:00 am Volunteers

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

The rain and snow come down  
and do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

### Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a  
fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

### Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time  
are as nothing  
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.  
For creation awaits with eager expectation  
the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

### Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:  
"A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our  
money, our attention: these finite resources  
are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we  
scatter them. Do we focus our efforts on soil that  
will bear fruit for the kingdom?

## Observances for the week of July 16, 2023

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Tuesday:** St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest  
**Thursday:** St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church  
**Saturday:** St. Mary Magdalene  
**Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a 14-year-old boy when he was put to death by Mexican government officials trying to eliminate religious freedom locally. Despite continuous public torture and his eventual murder, he refused to ever renounce his Catholic faith.

## Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be courageous and  
steadfast in my devotion to You. Help  
me to identify causes and injustices in  
my day that are worth defending and  
standing up for. Give me perseverance  
and a desire to help others at any cost.  
Help me to revere Christ as the king of  
my life.

Saint José Sánchez del Río, pray for us.  
Amen.

(Prayer Source: <http://secretariat.synod.va/content/synod2018/en/youth-testimonies/saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio.html>)

## Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Catholic Center for any active members or those interested in joining:  
[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)

## Readers Needed

Have you ever thought about reading at Mass? Or have you really not even had that idea in your mind? Why not try it?! We are always looking for new people to volunteer. Please call the office if you may be that person!

## DIAPER DRIVE

We would like to support parents in our area that are in need of baby supplies and will be collecting items to donate. If you would like to participate we will be collecting the following items until Sunday, August 6:

- Walmart gift cards (these are used to purchase cribs that are donated to families that need them)
- diapers
- baby wipes
- toddler sized clothing for girls

These items can be dropped off at Ss. Mary & Paul in the parish office on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, or put in the gray bin on the porch by the office door, or left by the confessional in church until August 6. Thank you!

## Collection Counting Team

This Sunday, July 16: Tina Wallace & Rita Gevelinger  
Next Sunday, July 23: No counting today.

### Financial Corner (St. Mary/Paul)

#### Week 2 of the Fiscal Year

Needed each week.....	\$2,510.00
Last week's offertory.....	\$246.00
Last week's envelopes.....	\$2,014.00
Above/(below) fiscal YTD.....	\$1,108.00



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### Love Begins Here, Local Mission Trip

In June, six high school students from St. Mary's & St. Paul's also attended a week of Love Begins Here. This group stayed at, and worked out of, St. Bernard parish in Watertown, with over 60 other teens and adults.

During this time students performed a wide variety of community service. Depending on the group they were in, they washed windows, pulled weeds, built a chicken coop, helped re-screen a porch, painted and stained, cleaned headstones at a cemetery, entertained young children at a center for parents that needed assistance, helped organize at a food pantry, and assisted at an event for the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities, among many other things. Before and after serving others, the teens attend daily Mass, pray the rosary, go to adoration and confession, hear talks specifically for Catholic teens, get time at the pool, and are entertained with a lot of games and activities. It's a very fulfilling and rewarding week!

Parish teens that benefited from this experience were: Emma Federman, Erica Lease, Malea Aschliman, Regan Schuette, Garrett Schaaf and Gage Federman. They were led by Paula Schuette and Jody Cody. Erica, Malea and Regan all received recognition for participating in Love Begins Here for the 4th time, which means they have spent a month of their life on this mission trip. Congrats!





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