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July 16, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil for	Sunday5:00pm
Sunday	.7:15am, 9:00am, 10:45am
	6:30am, 8:00am
	8:00am

Rosary recited after all daily Masses

Holy Days of Obligation		
Vigil for Holy Day		5:30pm
Holy Day		
	12:15nm	7:00nm

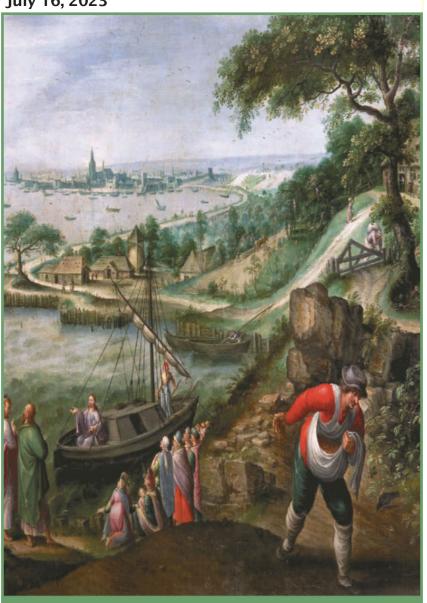
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CONFESSIONS

Tuesday	4:00pm~5:45pm
Saturday	8:30am~9:30am
Or by appointment	



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

Fr. Dan Hoehn — From the Pastor's desk



The following is a reflection from Pope Francis on today's Gospel:

"When Jesus spoke, he used simple words and he also used images which were examples taken from daily life, in order to be easily understood by all. This is why they listened to him willingly and appreciated his message which directly touched their heart. And it was not that complicated language which was difficult to understand, as that used by the Doctors of the Law of that time, which was not easily understood, was very rigid and distanced people. And with this language Jesus made the mystery of the Kingdom of God understood; it was not complicated theology. And one example is that of today's Gospel passage: the parable of the sower (cf. Mt 13:1-23).

The sower is Jesus. With this image, we can see that he presents himself as one who does not impose himself, but rather offers himself. He does not attract us by conquering us, but by donating himself: he casts seeds. With patience and generosity, he spreads his Word, which is not a cage or a trap, but a seed which can bear fruit. And how can it bear fruit? If we welcome it.

Therefore, the parable concerns us especially. In fact, it speaks more of the soil than of the sower. Jesus carries out, so to speak, a "spiritual X-ray" of our heart, which is the soil on which the seed of the Word falls. Our heart, like the soil, may be good and then the Word bears fruit — and a great deal — but it can also be hard and impermeable. This happens when we hear the Word but it bounces off of us, just as on a street: it does not enter.

Between the good soil and the street; the asphalt — if we throw a seed on the cobblestones, nothing grows — there are however, two intermediate types of soil which, in different amounts, we can have within us. The first, Jesus says, is *rocky*. Let us try to imagine it: rocky ground is a terrain that "does not have much soil" (cf. Mt 13:5), so the seed sprouts but is unable to put down deep roots. This is how the superficial heart is: it welcomes the Lord, wants to pray, love and bear witness, but does not persevere; it becomes tired and never "takes off". It is a heart without depth, where the rocks of laziness prevail over the good soil, where love is fickle and fleeting. But whoever welcomes the Lord only when they want to does not bear fruit.

Then, there is the last ground, the *thorny* one, filled with briars which choke the good plants. What do these thorns represent? "The cares of the world and the delight in riches" (v. 22), as Jesus says explicitly. The thorns are the vices which come to blows with God, which choke his presence: above all these are the idols of worldly wealth, living avidly, for oneself, for possessions and for power. If we cultivate these thorns, we choke God's growth within us. Each of us can recognize his or her big or small thorns, the vices that inhabit the heart, those more or less deeply rooted briars that God does not like and that prevent us from having a clean heart. It is necessary to tear them out, otherwise the Word cannot bear fruit, the seed will not grow.

Dear brothers and sisters, Jesus invites us today to look inside ourselves: to give thanks for our good soil and to tend the soil that is not yet good. Let us ask ourselves if our heart is open to welcome the seed of the Word of God with faith. Let us ask ourselves if our rocks of laziness are still numerous and large; let us identify our thorns of vice and call them by name. Let us find the courage to *reclaim the soil*, to effect a nice conversion of our heart, bringing to the Lord in Confession and in prayer our rocks and our thorns. In doing this, Jesus, the Good Sower will be glad to carry out an additional task: purify our hearts by removing the rocks and the thorns which choke his Word."



Prayer Ministry

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)

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)

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

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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

St. Mary Magdalene Saturday:

Next Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRAY THE ANGELUS AND THE ROSARY

Join your fellow parishioners each day at noon in the Marian Grotto to pray the Angelus and Rosary to honor our Blessed Mother.

Feel free to bring a chair, if needed. In inclement weather, the group meets in the Church.

All are welcome.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CALENDAR July 16 — July 23

7/16 Deacon Robert Malek Deacon Peter Manning Deacon Thomas Marciani Deacon Philip Marrow Deacon Santos Martinez



7/17 Sr. Yeonsook Choi Sr. Min Hea Kim SBKM

7/18 Fr. Michael McMahon Fr. David Medow

Fr. Mark Menezes

7/19 Fr. Carl Markelz O.Carm. Fr. Kevin McBrien O.Carm.

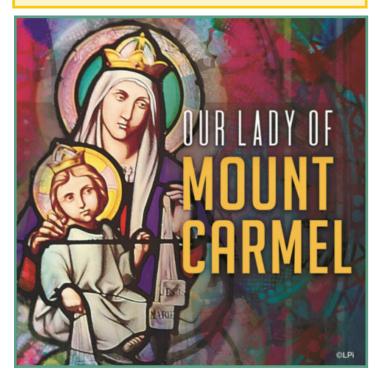
7/20 Seminarian John Biak Zung Piang

7/21 Deacon Artemio Martinez Deacon David Marlowe Deacon Ricardo Marquez Deacon Anthony Martini

7/22 Fr. Timothy Andres O.Carm. Fr. Joseph Atcher O.Carm.

7/23 Sr. Alice Reckamp OSF

Sr. Audrey Marie Rothweil OSF



Prayer Ministry

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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Joan Peters Victoria Holmen Peterson Vicki Piccolo Tony Pisciotta, Sr. Ray Reynertson Rita Richards Margaret Riggs Mike Sambo Anne Marie Schneider **Tobias Siennetts** Ann Smith **Dominic Thomas** Andrew Valadka Carole Weber Fr. Don McLaughlin The Wulffe Family Sr. Mary Clarine Young, SND Greta Zilch

To inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member, call the Parish Office at (630) 665-2250 to add or remove a name. Due to privacy laws and family preferences, the names of the sick and the deceased can only be published in the bulletin with specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.



John T. "Jack" Quinn **Husband of Anne**

Timothy S. Crider Husband of Jana

Kenneth B. Redenbaugh Albertha 'Dolly' Worniak

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them, and may the souls of the faithful departed,

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Offered For Requested By SUNDAY, July 16 7:15AM + Margaret Forkan Mike Hughes Family 9:00AM + Anthony Filippello Julie & Dennis Haller 10:45AM St. Michael Parishioners

MONDAY, July 17

6:30AM Arianna M. & Anne Leslie Aiden Raimonde

8:00AM + Linda Leonas Anita Elbe

TUESDAY, July 18

6:30AM Inaki Beruete Family

8:00AM + John & Rosann Ward John & Diane Ward

WEDNESDAY, July 19

630AM + Salvatore, Angelina & Family

Bernie Tacito

8:00AM + Michael & Joyce Pope **Fec Family**

+ John F. Drahos **Amy Broaddus**

THURSDAY. July 20

6:30AM + Ken Bergman Mary Anne Daniels

8:00AM + Richard & James Kern Kern Family

FRIDAY, July 21

6:30AM + Madeline Glynn **Challenger Family** 8:00AM + Erin McGuire McGuire Family

SATURDAY, July 22

8:00AM + Eric William Dreya Bundy

5:00PM St. Michael Parishioners

SUNDAY, July 23

7:15AM + James Kern **Kern Family**

9:00AM + Dr. Ana Manglano Michael & Katie Doerries

10:45AM + Pearl Owczarek Kathy & Bill Keller

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Around the Parish





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Saturday, August 12th After the 5:00 pm Mass

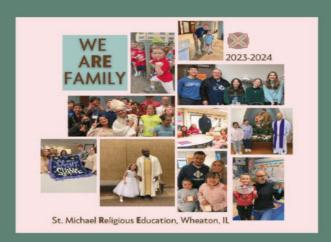
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Around the Parish



Religious Education Registration

Classes Forming Soon! Register Now to Avoid a \$100 Late Fee!



In order for children to be of the program on 9/17-9/18, families must complete their online RE registration by Monday, August 21st.

Families that register after August 21st will be assessed a \$100 late fee.

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St. Michael Parish is inviting Persons with Disabilities and their families to join a special Mass Celebration



Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:00 am

St. Michael Catholic Church

310 S. Wheaton Avenue

Wheaton, IL 60187

Fellowship and refreshments to follow after Mass

To learn about upcoming events and available resources for Persons with Disabilities and to be included in our diocesan notification list please email: rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org



Around the Parish

St. Michael Ministry of Pastoral Care offers:

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound, in the hospital or a nursing home, find it a comfort and source of healing to have Holy Communion brought to them.

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Speaker: Father James Flint, O.S.B. Author, Educator, Vocation Director



Father James Flint, O.S.B., took vows as a Benedictine monk of St. Procopius Abbey, Lisle, IL, in 1975. After studying theology at Sant'Anselmo, the Benedictine college in Rome, he was ordained in 1983. He obtained a doctorate in Modern European History from The Catholic University of America in 1990. He has taught at the monks' two schools in Lisle, Benet Academy and Benedictine University, as well as within the abbey's formation program. His book, Great Britain and the Holy See: The Diplomatic Relations Question. 1846-1852 was published in 2003, and he has authored several articles on the monastery's history. Father James is at present the Abbey archivist, treasurer, and vocation director, and

he serves on the governing board of both schools as well as the President's Council of the American Cassinese Congregation.

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday, July 17, 2023
Sacred Heart Catholic Church
114 S Elizabeth St, Lombard, IL 60148

Evening Program

6:00 pm - Rosary

6:20 pm - Mass - Celebrant Bishop Conlon - Followed by Serra

Officer Installation

7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall

7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome

7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting

8:00 pm - Guest speaker

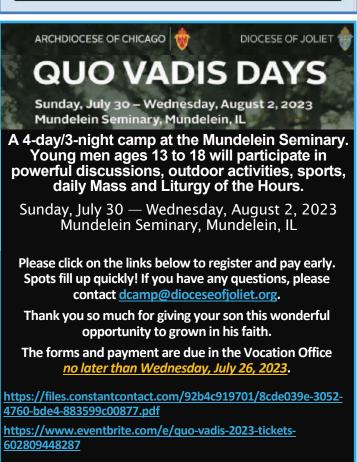
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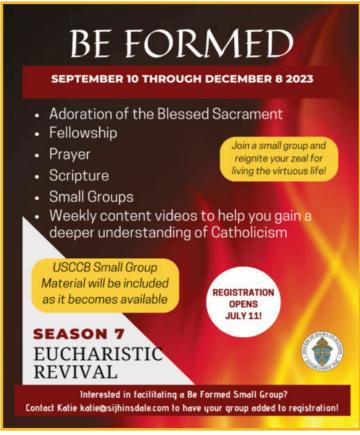
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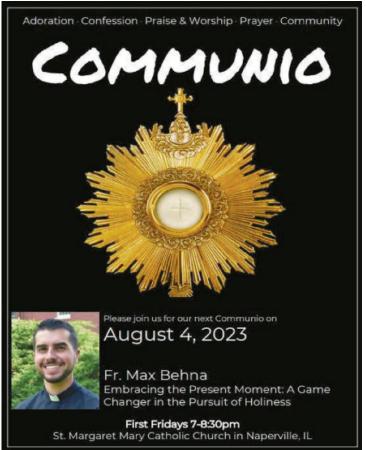


Around the Diocese









Parish Support

Stewardship Report

As of June 30

	<u>June 30</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offertory Budget	\$140,000	\$1,830,000
Offertory Actual	\$ <u>152,409</u>	\$ <u>1,853,188</u>
Total Over (Under)	\$ 12,409	\$ 23,188

Major Maintenance \$ 1,677 26,065 **Needy Fund** 2.152 35.543

LEAD Project

Pledged Collected \$1,672,028 \$976.263

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



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July 30th Bulletin Deadline: Friday, July 21st

Send items to:

communications@stmichaelcommunity.org

Please send content that can be used in a 1/4 and 1/2 page format, as full-page space availability is limited.



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Amount Pledged	\$244,119	\$225,317	\$18,802	\$267,594
Amount Paid	\$215,317	\$192,500	\$22,817	\$263,709
Balance Due	\$28,802	\$32,817	(\$4,015)	\$3,885
Donor Count	551	569	-18	626
2023 Rebate	\$26,892			

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Week of July 16, 2023



Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)

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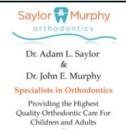
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