

July 11th, 2021  
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am  
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30 pm  
or by appointment

**Baptism**

Parish membership is required.  
Baptismal preparation for parents  
and sponsors is held monthly. Pre  
-registration is required. Contact  
the Parish Office for more  
information.

**Marriage**

Parish membership is required.  
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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out  
two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.  
The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with  
oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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We would love to officially welcome you into our family.  
Registration packets are available at the information center.

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The **THIRD** Tuesday of each month, the Family Life Center and many volunteers work to provide a warm meal at the St. Vincent De Paul Site at 931 W. Madison in Milwaukee. 1-2 volunteers are needed to shop. 6-8 volunteers are needed to prepare the meal and 6-8 volunteers are needed to transport and serve the meal.

**Our next date to shop, prepare and serve is  
Tuesday, July 20th, 2021**

Check out our St. Stephen website at <https://www.saintstephenmil.org/> and go to the VOLUNTEER tab to sign-up on the Sign-Up Genius link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050d44aba923a7ff2-svdp11>

Or... go to the July calendar and sign-up on the July 20th date

<https://www.saintstephenmil.org/events/07/2021>

Or... contact Gail at [gschlicht@saintstephenmil.org](mailto:gschlicht@saintstephenmil.org)

**We need volunteers to shop and prep...  
and 6-8 volunteers to transport and serve the meal!**

**Please sign-up today!**

**We need you!**



**Check out the St. Stephen Updated Website and Photos of our  
Parish Community in Ministry**

Be sure to check out the St. Stephen Website when you are looking for information regarding our parish ministries, committees and events.

Bookmark the St. Stephen website for easy access to parish information. <https://www.saintstephenmil.org>



**St. Joseph “Pillar of Families”**

Our mental image of a pillar is that of a strong support between a foundation and something above. It is strong, unbending, dependable and necessary St Joseph is all of the above. He took upon himself to take the family to Egypt until the threat of King Herod had passed. Think about this! He had to walk from Israel to Egypt and back with Mary and the baby Jesus. Can you image walking from Israel to Egypt? Taking care of a family by providing security, food and shelter. How could St Joseph do it? He disciplined himself to be open to God’s will. This is what a virtuous man does. While the world would enjoin a person to quit, or give up because it is too hard, St. Joseph pushed on doing what he was called to do. The world offers us many temptations; drugs,

alcohol, gluttony, pornography etc. we must be the pillars for our families and community for the fight. Prayer, meditation on God’s word, personal sacrifice all terrorizes the demons who prod us for our weaknesses. Follow the example of St Joseph – **St. Joseph Pillar of Families pray for us!**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## MISSA PACEM: Dedicated to those who lost their lives on 9/11

On September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks killed 2,977 people and injured thousands at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and in Somerset County, Pennsylvania. In August of this year, we will begin learning new Acclamations dedicated to the memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

*Missa Pacem* (Mass of Peace) is a regal setting that will be easily learned and retained. Strong rhythmic patterns and repeated thematic material give this Mass an expansive and stately feel that will add a sense of dignity to the celebration of the Eucharist. The composer, L. Randolph Babin, is a native of Baton Rouge, La. He has received degrees in music education and a Ph.D. in music education from LSU. He is currently the director of St. Jude Thaddeus Chorale in Beaumont, TX.



Our Choir has begun learning this new Mass. Lynda will begin playing excerpts from the Mass before we begin liturgy in July so that we will become familiar with the melodies.



### Make music a part of your life & your Service to our Faith Community

- Join the Choir this Summer

All ages and all skill levels are welcome- note reading is not required. We rehearse on Thursdays 4:30-6pm, from September through May.

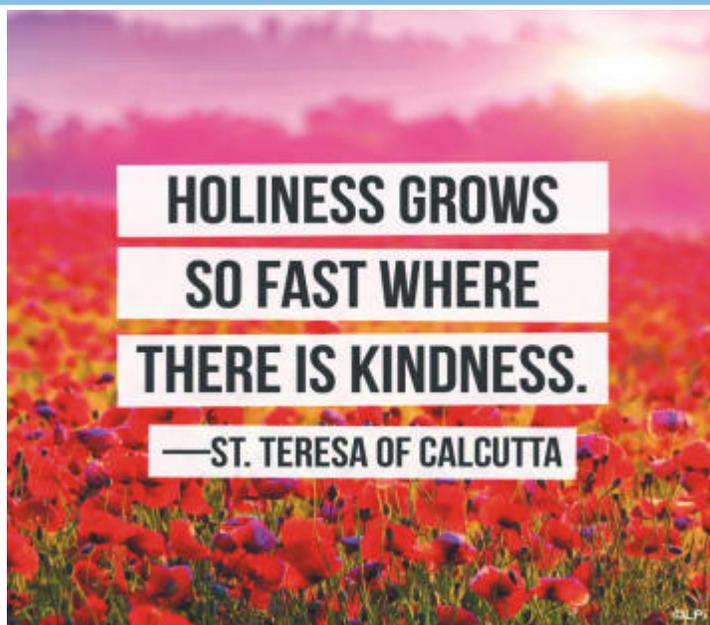
- Cantor

4:30pm Mass cantors are needed. Scheduled as to your availability. Rehearsals are by appointment during the week or before Mass.

- Play an instrument

Music is provided in advance. Choose your Mass time, and join us!

- Call Lynda at the Parish Office (414) 762-0552



July 11, 2021 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I don't know about you, but even for the quickest of errands I don't like to leave my house without my smartphone. Nor would I go on a road trip without my trusty mini-Diet Coke and a snack or two. So I'm struck by what Jesus tells the Apostles when he sends them on their mission to share the Good News: "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sock, no money in their belts." While it may be hard for us to imagine striking out with only the sandals on our feet, to me this reading is more about what the Apostles *did* have than what they went without: They had a companion (Jesus sent them two by two) and the spiritual blessings Saint Paul refers to, including a relationship with Jesus and absolute trust in him. Today's readings remind us to set aside distractions and spend time deepening our relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and participating in the sacramental life of the Church. In doing so, we, too, can join in the mission of the early disciples by giving our lives to Jesus and sharing his message with others.

**WITNESS** At the end of Sunday Mass, we often hear the words: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." As we are sent forth, let us ask God to show us how we can share the Gospel with others during the week ahead. Then pay attention to where the Spirit leads us in answering our prayer.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find the phrase "the new evangelization" somewhat ironic. After all, evangelization is not new, it goes back to the earliest days of the Church, which wouldn't exist had it not been for the disciples. The "new" part reminds us that we today also share in this mission. The U.S. Catholic bishops describe it succinctly: "The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel." This call is both simple, and challenging, but we don't have to be perfect. After all, just as God called Amos, a humble shepherd, and Jesus called the Twelve, a motley group of fishermen, he calls us. Like them, our first "task" isn't a task at all - it is placing God and our relationship with Jesus at the center of our lives. Only then can we effectively share the Gospel with others, inviting our brothers and sisters to a life in Christ - to become part of God's adopted family.

### Readings for the week of July 11th

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

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#### Monday, July 12th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Tuesday, July 13th

9:00am Food Pantry

9:30am HTF Delivery

#### Wednesday, July 14th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Thursday, July 15th

9:00am Food Pantry

#### Friday, July 16th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Saturday, July 17th

11:00am 175th Anniversary Comm. Meeting

#### Sunday, June 18th

Nothing scheduled at this time

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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.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, July 13th**

8:00am † Barbara Pintarro

**Wednesday, July 14th**

8:00am † Virginia Shore

**Thursday, July 15th**

8:00am † Vivian Benavidez

**Friday, July 16th**

8:00am † Christopher Rutter

**Saturday, July 17th**

4:30pm † For the people

**Sunday, July 18th**

8:30 am † Sylvia Koepf

10:30am † Judy Richards & Susan Belski

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