

JUNE 13, 2021

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

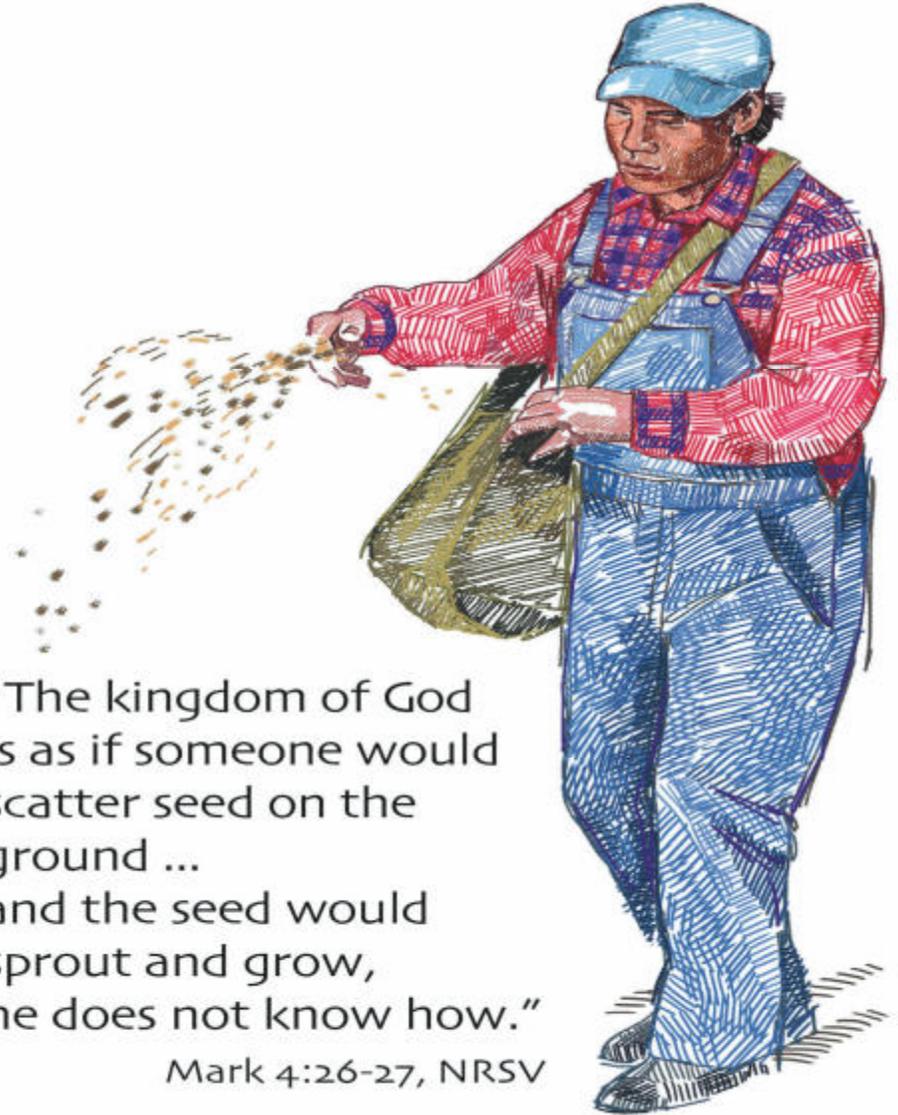
Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am



“The kingdom of God
is as if someone would
scatter seed on the
ground ...
and the seed would
sprout and grow,
he does not know how.”

Mark 4:26-27, NRSV



A second collection will take place this weekend to raise money for a lasting gift to be given to the Diocese of Peoria for the new Sacre Coeur Retreat Center. Your donation will determine the size and type of gift made



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 14th

8:00 am For the people of St. John the Baptist and Sacred Heart Parishes and Their Benefactors

Tuesday, June 15th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, June 16th

8:00 am For the Intentions of all Living Members of St. John's Altar and Rosary Society

Thursday, June 17th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, June 19th, 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Fathers Day Novena

Sunday, June 20th, 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 am Fathers Day Novena

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



On Vacation? Did you know that when you are on vacation or travelling this summer, you can find a local church at MassTimes.org or ParishesOnline.org

And don't forget your Sunday Contribution. You can drop your St. John's envelope in the collection basket at any church in the U.S. and it will be forwarded to us.

Parish Giving

Saturday, June 5th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, June 6th 8:30am

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,366.00
Loose.....	\$160.00
Total Collection.....	\$2,536.00

Special Collection

A reminder that this weekend is the second Sunday of the month. In lieu of our monthly collection for the Parish Outreach Ministry, we will have a special collection for our donation to the new Diocesan Retreat Center - Sacra Coeur. A donation will be made in the name of our parish for one of the needs that were listed in last week's bulletin. In this way we will be making a lasting memorial to this Retreat Center. Those who gather for prayer will be able to note that this new Center is not only supported by the larger parishes, but even we in the smaller, rural areas do support the aims and goals of the Diocese of Peoria. Once a gift has been determined it will be communicated to the entire parish.

Recycle Those Ink Cartridges!

Now that the school year is coming to a close, this is a great time to gather all of those printer ink cartridges that have been accumulating around your home and office and bring them to church to be recycled. St. John's receives money for all ink cartridges we recycle. A collection box is located in back of church by Hall door.



Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Linda Kilgarriff, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Stephen J. Smith, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle, Veronica Zeitler.

Collection Counters this week are

Silvia Comfort and Donna Hall.

Thank you for serving in this way.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FLAG DAY JUNE 14

Papal vs American Flag



Surprisingly to many, there are no regulations of any kind governing the display of flags in Roman Catholic Churches. Neither the Code of Canon law, nor the liturgical books of the Roman rite comment on this practice. As a result, the question of whether and how to display the American flag in a Catholic Church is left up to the judgment of the diocesan bishop, who in turn often delegates this to the discretion of the pastor.

The origin of the display of the American flag in many parishes in the United States appears to have its origins in the offering of prayers for those who served during the Second World War (1941-1945). At that time, many bishops and pastors provided a book of remembrance near the American flag, requesting prayers for loved ones – especially those serving their country in the armed forces – as a way of keeping before the attention of the faithful the needs of military families. This practice has since been confirmed in many places during the Korean, Viet Nam and Iraqi conflicts.

The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy has in the past encouraged pastors not to place the flag within the sanctuary itself, in order to reserve that space for the altar, the ambo, the presidential chair and the tabernacle. Instead, the suggestion has been made that the American flag be placed outside the sanctuary, or in the vestibule of the Church together with a book of prayer requests. It remains, however, for the diocesan bishop to determine regulations in this matter.

Father's Day Novena

Next Sunday, June 20th, is Father's Day, and we will again be offering our Father's Day Novena of nine masses. The novena will begin on Saturday, June 19th at the 4:00pm Mass. You may include your father, living or deceased, or any other important men in your life. Cards and offering envelopes are now available at the church entrances. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or return them to the Parish Office.



Deacon Patrick has expressed an openness to work on a Parish Picnic, but he can't do it by himself. If you are willing to

be part of "Team Comfort" please let Deacon Patrick know that you can help. He is 'old Navy' and is ready to captain the ship, but he needs some 'oarsmen' to help drive the ship and make it a good experience. This is an opportunity to return to something normal.

Good Seed - Bad Seed

Today's liturgy invites us to pause and appreciate the simple, extraordinary processes of creation. Today's selection from the Gospel of Mark includes the only parable that no other Gospel repeats: the seed which grows on its own.

The parable of the seed which grows by itself offers an antidote to pull-yourself-up-by-your-bootstraps scenarios that preach that the harder you work, the more God will love and reward you. In contrast to suggesting that our goal is to succeed or even to please God, this parable focuses on the **divine power** that perpetually bursts forth, giving life to the seeds of the kingdom of God. The farmer in this parable does nothing more than plant. After that, everything mysteriously emanates from God.

Addressed to a community physically threatened and plagued by the doubts arising from unmet expectations, the parable of the seed harkens back to Job's losing argument with God. It reminds the faithful that they don't cause the tides to roll, the sun to rise, or the seed to sprout. This parable pushes the listeners to remember that God's ways are not theirs; therefore, they are called to trust God beyond the limits of their understanding. Paul told the Corinthians as much when he said, "We walk by faith, not by sight."

Various commentaries speak about the comparison between tiny seed and the wonderful plant that is home to birds' nests often miss the humor of this story.

Mustard bushes were invasive weeds. A farmer would no more sow mustard than parents would uncap 15 tubes of toothpaste for a 2-year-old to play with while her twin unraveled a Costco-sized package of rolls of toilet paper. The inevitably ensuing bathroom disaster is a modern equivalent of the agricultural image Jesus conjured by suggesting that a farmer would plant mustard. **He described a scene of utterly prolific chaos.**



Mark repeated this parable to help his community stand in the midst of chaos and believe that an incomprehensible mystery was germinating out of sight and very near them. Like them, we are invited simply to trust the divine dynamic at play in our environment, accepting that there are moments when we are powerless to do anything more than plant whatever seed we have, then go on, sleeping and rising, night and day.

As we enter into this summer, hoping that this time will herald the end of COVID-19, the liturgy invites us to imitate the farmer of Jesus' least popular parable and watch for the wonders God is working — hidden in plain sight. We can no more predict what the harvest will be than we can cause its growth. This is how it is with the kingdom of God.

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